

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
April 23, 2026, 7:00 PM**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93772247533?pwd=sBRbHEL3MOD2aTipaH9URXpz3t1Fcr.1>

**Call to Order: 7:02**

**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>)

Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7).

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - Congratulations on a great year! Graduation gear is available. Please reach out if you would like that. Also collect your senator certificate by reaching out to Summer.
  - Talk about next semester in your committee meetings. Try to decide Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary in your committee meetings. If you would like a graduation cord, please email Summer/Dana/Libby or swing by OMU 181 and see Mary.
  - We have a TON of bills to review tonight.
- Vice-Chair:
  - Nothing new to report. Thank you everyone for their hard work! It has been a really engaged year through the wins and challenges. There have also been many great things happening throughout all the committees.
- Secretary:
  - Thank you everyone for an awesome year! For the last time this year, please submit your committee reports.

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

- Academic Affairs:
  - Congratulations to our outstanding student awards winners – sending out the award winners soon.
- Development & Philanthropy:
  - Big event was great – thanks to everyone who showed up!
  - Help needed at a baseball booth in Noble where we participated at for the Big Event. Please reach out if you are interested.
- External Affairs:
  - Elections happening today. Alexis will be the new External Affairs Chair next year.
- Internal Affairs:
  - Sign up for the Kickball event at Lyons Park at 4/30 from 5-7 PM. Send it out to your departments if you can.
- International Student Affairs:

- Survey report: still have survey open to keep collecting answers for the summer. Will distribute results to departments and will be finalizing these results. Survey guide will serve as starting point for next year's committee.
- Public Relations:
  - Nothing new to report. Thank you to my responsive and helpful committee members!
- Sustainability:
  - Multiple bills worked on will be presented tonight related to Earth Day and Confetti.
  - Norman Earth day this Sunday 12-5 – links provided below for Earth Day supplies and sign up.
    - Sign up: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp1Bu2dA-GZkrsGdlMnBmxWwy\\_8rby1oVPWVyH-ZrE3R2myw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp1Bu2dA-GZkrsGdlMnBmxWwy_8rby1oVPWVyH-ZrE3R2myw/viewform)
    - <https://ou.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12438655>
- Ways and Means:
  - Thank you for a wonderful year!
  - All award notifications should have been sent out. Please contact WAM Chair if there are questions or students have not received notification emails.

#### Student Concerns:

- No concerns.

#### Special Orders:

- **Elections: Chair steps aside, making Chair of External and Legislative Affairs acting Chair (Caroline)**
  - Motion to move general elections to the floor: Senator Hurst (59), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2)
    - In my role as Parliamentarian, it is my job to inform the body of Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure, and standard rules. An abstention vote should only be used in a small criteria of votes, most notably when you have a moral, financial, or another conflict of interest that would influence or be influenced by your vote. Your constituents count on you to represent them within the body therefore it is your responsibility to do so with their best intentions in mind. Using an abstention vote in an unwarranted circumstance exploits their trust in you. Please vote to the best of your ability with your district and community in mind.
  - Motion to begin elections for the **Graduate Student Senate Chair**: Senator Hurst (59), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7)
    - We have received nominations for **Summer Edwards**. Do you accept this nomination?
    - Summer: I accept the nomination!
  - Motion to begin elections for the **Graduate Student Senate Vice-Chair**: Senator Bueltel (7), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56).
    - We have received nominations for **Sam Jensen**. Do you accept this nomination?
    - Sam: I accept the nomination!
  - Motion to begin elections for the **Graduate Student Secretary**: Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7).
    - We have received nominations for **Benjamin Fellman**. Do you accept this nomination?
    - Benjamin: I accept the nomination!
  - Motion to open the floor for 5 minutes of Q&A: Senator Baskin (69), seconded by Senator Frost (74)
    - [Each Candidate gets an opportunity to address the body and answer questions]

- Summer – After a year in this position, I look forward to returning. With everything we have gone through, I hope you trust the process and trust my leadership.
- Sam – thanks for the nomination. If elected, I aim to continue supporting graduate students and bringing together the undergraduate and graduate SGA chambers.
- Benjamin – I have really found my place in GSS, whether it is writing bills or working with the undergraduate congress members. I will continue Libby’s tradition on as well of making sure committee notes are turned in on time.

[candidates left the room]

- No discussion. Moving to voting.
- Motion to Vote on candidates
  - Motion to elect Summer via unanimous consent: Senator Alahmadi (42), seconded by Senator Baskin (69). No objections.
  - Motion to elect Sam via unanimous consent: Senator Fullerton (2). No objections.
  - Motion to elect Benjamin via unanimous consent: Senator Fullerton (2). No objections.
- Congratulations to our new officers for 2026-2027!

[Candidates return]

- **SGA President, Mercer Martin**
  - Motion to allow Mercer to give her remarks - Senator Lancaster (71), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
  - I serve as the SGA President. It is clear how much the graduate student is involved through all the work you do and how much you have faced. You are dedicated to fighting for the graduate student body. Efforts include working to increase funding for grants and other opportunities.
  - Beyond campus, we are involved in OU Day and Higher Education Day in OKC.
  - Collaboration is needed and helps bridge people together. I look forward to bridging these connections.
- **GS26-38: Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026**
  - Congress was supposed to see this bill first, but this bill was failed for two reasons. Standard process was not traditionally followed, and members of congress thought it might be worth making election day our student fall holiday. Lots of debate occurred, and it was ultimately failed. We need to choose a holiday this semester. Sam wrote 2 bills which elected a new proposed fall holiday(s) and one that recognizes another day.
  - Motion to see GS26-38 - Senator Lancaster (71), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
  - Co-author: Red River Rivalry (RRR) Act – when it did fail Congress on Tuesday, here on GSS, we sprang into action to make sure that this cultural tradition and civic engagement were upheld. Different than past years, as it proposes two days for fall holiday.
    - **1. OU Friday** – to keep tradition and ensure students can travel to the game safely.
    - **2. Election day** – allow students to participate in the election process.
  - The supporting text is included to support why both of these days should be included.
    - RRR Friday – fosters sense of community on campus.
    - Election day – Oklahoma has lowest voter turnout rate in the country. Students across campus may face barriers in voting.
  - By supporting both, we can uphold all of these things. We hope it shows our support across campus, and we hope the admin is willing to accept these things.

- In full, SGA is requesting October 9<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (election day) as the unscheduled fall holidays for 2026.
- Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Hurst (59). No objections.
- **GS26-39: Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026**
  - Motion to see GS26-39 - Senator Minear (50), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
  - Resolution recognizing the cultural importance of this holiday - wrote this bill to address student concerns if we were not to get a rivalry game day off.
  - Recognizes that the Friday before OU Texas has historically been the selected student holiday and requests that the university considers honoring this tradition. It has immense value to our community, and highlights GSS' support for this holiday and event.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent – Senator Alvarez (57). No objections.
- GSS Chair: Members of SGA have received some extremely negative to potentially violent threats regarding the failure of this bill initially. Please report any posts or negative comments that you may see regarding this. These comments are completely unacceptable.

#### Old Business:

- **GS26-19: Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Governmental Organizations (Do Pass)**
- **GS26-20: Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)**
  - Motion to see GS26-19 and GS26-20 as a block by Senator Fellman (55) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)
  - Co-author: We are seeing these bills again because we had appeals and revised allocations.
  - Motion to Pass GS26-19 and GS26-20 by unanimous consent. Senator Jensen (3). No objections.

#### New Business:

- **GS26-23: Engineering Competition Teams Resolution (No Rec)**
  - Motion to the Floor: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Muriithi (39)
  - Co-author: I am the committee chair of the university policy committee and a representative for Earth and Energy district – involved with engineering. Resolution was written to highlight need for resources for engineering teams.
    - Racing and aeronautic competition teams. Open to all students on campus.
  - In the last year, there has been negative comments regarding funding and scope of projects, specifically with deans with the College of Engineering. They have outlined these issues and the impacts of these teams. In their results sections, they have a general call for resources for these teams.
  - Other co-author: Brought this resolution to other students and faculty involved. There is support for this resolution. Aligns with what competition team would like addressed.
  - This resolution addresses concerns from engineering competition teams regarding reduced institutional (college-level) support and funding. It aims to:
    - Recognize the educational and institutional value of these teams.
    - Encourage the Gallogly College of Engineering to engage in dialogue and restore support.
  - Concern Raised: (Senator Jensen)
    - Some amendments were proposed but did not make it into the bill. This language would show that SGA will not guarantee funding for them but show support these teams across campus not just this College of Engineering. Do you accept these amendments?
      - Yes, they will accept them.
  - Concern Raised (Senator Fullerton):

- Appreciates this bill. A lot of RSOs can relate to these issues, especially competition teams (traveling, resources)
  - Section 4 question – the bill states that “SGA calls on the College of Engineering to address the lack of current funding opportunities. What do you mean by that? Can you specify and expand on that/what the lack of funding means? RSOs do not typically receive 100% of desired funding. The language “recognizing need for resources” could be interpreted beyond college-level funding and applied to SGA processes.
  - Co-author: this section has an amendment to clear up some of that language. In addition, in previous years, Gallogly College of Engineering has dropped all funding so our only options are SGA and outside funding. We want to resume conversations regarding that funding that was dropped.
  - Senator Fullerton – thank you for clarifying this. It would be great to explicitly state that this is not having SGA call on this college to allocate specific funds - amendment requested.
  - Lack of funding could be further supported, maybe providing more support or evidence and providing details on how that has affected you all. Another friendly amendment proposed to spell out acronyms to ensure people know what these acronyms stand for.
  - Co-author – amendment to change language to saying having continued conversations and list out acronyms is accepted.
  - Senator Fullerton – friendly amendment does address some issues, but is still concerned that it is outside of SGA scope to note how specific departments allocate funds internally. Language should be more focused on SGA calling for increased communication and consulting between funding source and RSOs.
  - Senator Jensen – thank you for adopting those two amendments; I agree with Senator Fullerton and I am still concerned that we are telling the college how to spend their money. May be setting a dangerous precedent. Still opposed to this in telling other people how to spend their own money, and is outside the mandate of SGA mandate. Proposes new amendment for resolution to state “we encourage the Gallogly college to have these meetings to have discussions with these individuals about funding. Seconded by Senator Fullerton.
  - Co-author: I do see your point of view. What do you think? If they feel calling for funding is a cause of concern when reading this bill, then we could change it.
  - Co-author: Proposed change - What about “OU SGA encourages the Gallogly College of Engineering to hold sit down meetings with engineering competition teams to explore additional funding routes.”
  - Senator Jensen – yes, and I will propose that as a friendly amendment and support this bill with that amendment.
  - Co-author – yes, we accept that amendment
  - Senator Fullerton– Whereas 6 question.
    - Numerous members of engineering competition teams. Can you read this out loud?
  - This clause had a friendly amendment as well. Numerous members have concerns about limited funding placed by the Gallogly College of Engineering, frustration with scope of time placed on teams. These were

the result of discussions had with leadership of these teams, and why there is no formal citation included for them.

- Senator Fullerton – thank you for the clarification.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent with those friendly amendments: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
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- **GS26-24:** Conoco Student Leadership Center Revision Act of 2026 (Do Pass)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
    - This bill solidifies which positions have offices and who has access to the Conoco building.
    - Bill was tabled until author joins the meeting. Senator Hurst (59), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
  
  - **GS26-25:** Confetti Still Makes Me Upsetti (Do Pass)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Minear (50), seconded by Senator Hurst (59).
    - Senator Fellman: Concurrent resolution written with the Chair of the undergraduate sustainability committee. Resolution brings attention to how harmful confetti is to the environment given the excessive confetti usage on campus. Highlights the alternative forms of confetti that can be used, and what other colleges have done against this issue.
    - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
  
  - **GS26-26:** Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution (No Rec)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Hurst (59), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
    - Tabled by Senator Jensen (3) and Senator Fullerton (2).
  
  - **GS26-27:** Campus Safety Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Baskin (69).
    - Co-author: With Undergrad External Affairs. This bill is done every year, asking for no regulation changes on campus regarding weapons on campus by state legislature.
    - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
  
  - **GS26-28:** Search Committee Approval Revision Act of 2026 (No Rec)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7).
    - Presenter: Amended to strike the entire paragraph on a recommendation from the Chief Justice. Wanted to align with the court ruling. We are advising this based on a superior court decision that made it unconstitutional to have this approval over electronic communication.
    - Question by GSS chair: By striking this out, are you saying the formal process is this going through both chambers of both houses?
      - Yes.
    - Question by Senator Jensen: How are these positions supposed to be nominated without an email?
      - Answer – It would just be an appointment bill just like how we appoint anything on Exec. It would be seen in Congress and Senate.
    - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
  
  - **GS26-29:** Spring 2026 Uncontested Elections Rework Act (Do Pass)
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7).
    - Co-author: Bill does two things.

- Stipulation on Chapter 5. Three separate rulings state that it refers to after the polls close. Someone did not interpret it correctly and was corrected to make sure this does not happen again.
    - Second thing – provisions. Usually there is a provision for unselections, when there is only one person running. There was an option that technically implies abstention but should not mean that. Wanted to make sure that the procedure was changed to “no candidate” and was expanded to cover elections that have less people running than seats. Example: four business seats and 5 open – candidates may have just sat there and done nothing; they were guaranteed to win and does not create the best message. We want to give people more options. Abstention will still be an option. Under Section 3, Chapter VI-1(1) was amended to include an abstention option for those who wish to refrain from voting in a particular race.
  - Concern - GSS VC: not about bill itself but procedure that it followed. Still concerned a lay person may have a harder time trying to understand what these options mean. Is there a way to explain these differences so when these votes happen, the person running also knows what happened with that vote. Don’t want to give students decision paralysis for these elections.
    - Answer - When they create ballots, we can add instructions on the ballot to explain what these options mean.
  - Concern - Senator Jensen: related to GSS VC, the solution to providing definitions is good. Since it is a digital ballot, include this on the specific page where students are voting. Make options visible, as this will make it so this happens more successfully.
    - Co-author: Agrees that some people may not be as thoughtful as they should be and may not know these differences, and that this would be a good change.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
- **GS26-30: Earth Day Sustainability Awareness Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)**
  - Submitted on a motion by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
  - Co-author: Earth day has a very strong connection to Norman, with the first year of Earth Day being recognized on campus. They want to make Earth Day more connected and impactful across campus. Not as coordinated as what it could be, as we have over 130 faculty connected in sustainability efforts, but these different groups could be more connected.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
- **GS26-31: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)**
  - Submitted on a motion by Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
  - Co-author: 25 years of history in the making – until this number is 0 with all genders, this bill is still incredibly important. We want survivors to know they have support and resources.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Hurst (59). No objections.
- **GS26-32: Autism Awareness Month Resolution (Do Pass)**
  - Submitted on a motion by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
  - Co-author: Monthly awareness bill recognizing Autism Awareness month. Bill has never been done before within SGA. Autism is diagnosed in 1 out of 45 people. Want to support all students.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Hurst (59). No objections.
- **GS26-33: Canady-Sneller Appointment Act (Do Pass)**

- Submitted on a motion by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56).
  - Co-author – appointing next chairs for Crimson Leadership Association (CLA). Interviews were conducted to select co-chairs. Specific people named have been selected. Both were chosen for their leadership and organizational skills, especially engaging with younger students.
    - Madilynn – VC of Human Diversity congressional committee. Also on welcome week and homecoming committee. Wants to use both of those roles to bring these opportunities to CLA students. They are not just one branch of SGA, they can be every branch when they look to us.
    - Choncy – VC of COSCO; loves fostering connections within SGA and wants to extend this to other students.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.
- **GS26-34: Spring 2026 Superior Court Appointment Act (Do Pass)**
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Bueltel (7), seconded by Senator Fellman (55).
    - Co-author: Appointment bill for superior court. Had 12 applicants; 6 interviewed and 4 were selected. A lot of members of our superior court are from OU Law. They handle things such as impeachment, bills that are unjust, etc.
    - 4 justices were selected after an interview process.
      - Lachlan – first-year law student. Excited to work with SGA.
      - Trey – first-year law student. Also excited to serve with SGA.
      - Thomas – junior undergrad; won the Oklahoma Intercollegiate legislature competition and will be incoming Supreme court justice for them.
      - Rachel – first year in OU law. OU alum and looks forward to continue serving with SGA.
    - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Hurst (59). No objections.
- **GS26-36: An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2025-2026 Academic Year (Do Pass)**
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Minear (50).
    - Senator 69: These candidates were selected following a grading session by the academic affairs committee. Congratulations to our award recipients! Thanks to the committee for their help in this!
    - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Fullerton/Stallings (2/11). No objections.
- **GS26-37: Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)**
    - Submitted on a motion by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).
    - Co-author: business rep for UG Congress. Recognizes April as Arab American Heritage Month and includes some statistics.
    - GSS VC: First time we are seeing recognition for Arab American Heritage Month in SGA!
    - Motion pass via unanimous consent: Senator Esteva-Ingram (56). No objections.
- **GS26-26: Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution (No Rec)**
    - Motion to revisit this bill by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56).
    - Co-author: Sustainability matters... students should make small practical changes. Problems acknowledged include climate change, plastics and other things that may be harmful to the environment.
    - Encourages actions such as recycling during campus events and within campus events/organizations.

- Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Hurst (59). No objections.
- **GS26-24: Conoco Student Leadership Center Revision Act of 2026 (Do Pass)**
  - Motion to revisit this bill by Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Hurst (59).
  - This bill solidifies which positions have offices and who has access to the Conoco building. Thought this was needed.
  - Motion to pass via unanimous consent: Senator Jensen (3). No objections.

**Announcements:**

- **GSS Chair:** Discuss if anyone is returning within your committees, and who will fill in committee exec roles. Let Summer know if anyone is returning.
- **GSS VC:** Congrats to everyone who is graduating!!!!

**Adjournment: 8:21**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Hurst (59)

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS26

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-27

SENATE BILL GS26-38

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure submitting the Fall 2026  
Unscheduled Holiday; recognizing the importance of  
voting and civic engagement, 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 “Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to officially submit an unscheduled holiday to the University of Oklahoma President, Joseph Harroz Jr., for approval pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Board of Regents policy manual.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) officially submits the following dates as the Fall 2026 Student Holidays.

- Friday, October 9, 2026 (Red River Rivalry Holiday)
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day)

**Section 4:** SGA recognizes that since 1900, the Red River Rivalry football game between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin has been played 121 times on the first or second Saturday in October. Since 1932, the game has been played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. The importance of maintaining the student holiday falling on the Friday before the Red River Rivalry game is manifest in its position as a cherished university tradition. It also serves an important role in providing for student safety at one of the

University's most significant events of the academic year. In 2024 and 2025, ODOT Director Tim Gatz issued formal advisories designating Norman, Purcell, Turner Falls, and Thackerville as critical "choke points" where substantial congestion and construction coincide. By providing a non-instructional day, the University effectively removes thousands of student drivers from the road during the high-risk traffic period. Ultimately, the Red River Holiday is not merely a day off, but a strategic institutional measure that prioritizes student well-being and the University's cultural heritage.

- Section 5:** In addition to recognizing the importance and cultural significance of the Red River Rivalry Holiday, SGA recognizes that participation in federal, state, and local elections is an essential right of many students at the University of Oklahoma. SGA also recognizes that it is vitally important that students eligible to vote in these elections have the opportunity to exercise their rights and make their voices heard. A democracy is at its healthiest when as many people as possible have the ability to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 6:** SGA recognizes that the state of Oklahoma has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. In the 2022 midterm elections, only 40.1% of Oklahoman voters turned out to cast a ballot. This is 6.5% lower than the national average.<sup>1</sup> SGA asserts that by providing a holiday for students on election day, more students will be able to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 7:** SGA recognizes that college students face unique, structural barriers to participating in the electoral process. Classes scheduled during polling hours, the need to travel long distances to their assigned polling places, and lack of personal vehicles are all factors that make it more difficult for college students to exercise their rights and to cast their vote in federal, state, and local elections. SGA recognizes that by providing a Fall Holiday on election day, we and the University Administration can remove some of these barriers and provide students the opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights.
- Section 8:** SGA recognizes that other university student groups across the country have taken various actions to promote and increase voting by college students, including but not limited to, working to make Election Day a holiday. In 2024, at least 86 universities cancelled classes for the presidential election.<sup>2, 3, 4, 5, 6</sup>
- Section 9:** Given the importance of both the Red River Rivalry Holiday and Election Day, SGA respectfully requests that the Administration of the University of Oklahoma grant a holiday

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<sup>1</sup> Allen, Cole, Vivian Morris, Gabriela Ramirez-Perez. 2023. The 2022 Midterms Reveal Our Democracy Is Still Inaccessible to Many Oklahoma Voters. *OKPolicy*, edited by the Oklahoma Policy Institute, Accessed April 22, 2026. <https://okpolicy.org/the-2022-midterms-reveal-our-democracy-is-still-inaccessible-to-many-oklahoma-voters/>.

<sup>2</sup> University of Tennessee Knoxville. 2026. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. Electronic document, <https://registrar.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2026/01/2026-2027-Academic-Calendar.pdf>, accessed April 23, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> University of South Carolina. 2026. 2026-27 Official Academic Calendar. Electronic document, [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/registrar/academic\\_calendars/2026-27\\_calendar.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/academic_calendars/2026-27_calendar.php), Accessed April 23, 2026.

<sup>4</sup> The Editorial Board of the Cornell Daily Sun. 2025. Make Election Day a University Holiday. *The Cornell Daily Sun*, October 27, 2025, accessed April 23, 2026. <https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2025/10/editorial-make-election-day-a-university-holiday>.

<sup>5</sup> Anderson, Greta. 2020. Students Push for Canceled Classes on Election Day. *Inside Higher Ed*, October 21, 2020, accessed April 23, 2026.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/10/22/movement-no-class-election-day-gains-steam>.

<sup>6</sup> TO2V. 2026. About TO2V. Electronic document, <https://www.to2v.org/the-movement>, accessed April 23, 2026.

on both of these days. SGA feels strongly that by providing a holiday on both days, the University can demonstrate its dedication to civil engagement, democratic processes, cultural heritage, and community. By providing a holiday on both days, the University can further its commitment to the values of excellence, opportunity and success, boldness, freedom of expression and civility, and civic commitment, as laid out in the University's strategic plan.

**Section 10:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Sam Jensen, Ways and Means Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate  
Benjamin Fellman, Sustainability Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate  
Mercer Martin, SGA President  
Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Congress Chair

Sponsor(s): Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President  
Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Lancaster (71), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).  
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.  
Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-14

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-39

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the cultural importance of the Red River Rivalry Game and its associated traditions; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important component of the history and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma, with the first game dating back to 1900.

Whereas: Since 1900, 121 rivalry games have been held between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin. Since 1932, the game has been played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) traditionally requests that the University provide a holiday on the Friday preceding the game to allow students to safely travel to Dallas for the rivalry game. This request and subsequent granting of the holiday have become a cherished and culturally significant tradition at the University of Oklahoma.

Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Oklahoma to build community through friendly competition with the University of Texas at Austin.

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 “Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026.”

**Section 2:** SGA formally recognizes the importance of the Red River Rivalry Game and its associated traditions to the history, culture, and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma. Boomer Sooner!

**Section 3:** SGA formally expresses its support of the traditions associated with the Red River Rivalry Game, including the holiday provided on the Friday preceding the rivalry game.

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

- Joseph Harroz, Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost
- David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Roger Denny, Vice President and Director of Athletics
- Hans E. Butzer, Dean of the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture
- Michael Markham, Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences
- Robert Palmer, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Laku Chidambaram, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- John Antonio, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Stacy Reeder, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- John Klier, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Paul Gilmore, Dean of the Honors College
- Jonathan Stalling, Interim Dean of the David L. Boren College of International Studies
- Andrea Miller, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Randall S. Hewes, Dean of the Graduate College
- Anna E. Carpenter, Dean of the College of Law
- Miloš Savić, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Sam Jensen, Ways and Means Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate

Sponsor(s): Mercer Martin, SGA President  
Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President

Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

Benjamin Fellman, Sustainability Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Minear (50), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-115-04  
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-19

AS INTRODUCED

An amendment to the act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2026-2027 process; stating appropriation guidelines; 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 Amendment to the Act of 2026 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:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress’s Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Governmental Organizations 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 4:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby unchanged or changed to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Auxiliary Funding Process			<del>\$71,917.10</del> <u>\$67,017.10</u>	<del>\$71,917.10</del> <u>\$67,017.10</u>
Campus Activities Council	\$172,000.00			\$172,000.00
Crimson Leadership Association	\$1,400.00			\$1,400.00
Graduate Student Senate	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Graduate Student Senate Grants	\$110,000.00			\$110,000.00
SafeRide	\$23,892.00			\$23,892.00
Salaries and Stipends			\$157,000.00	\$157,000.00

SGA Executive Branch	\$1,300.00		\$800.00	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
SGA Operations	\$7,840.00	\$13,000.00	\$35,917.40	<b>\$56,757.40</b>
SGA Undergraduate Student Congress	\$3,566.00	\$1,189.00		<b>\$4,755.00</b>
Student Bar Association	\$13,000.00			<b>\$13,000.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$614,821.50</b>
				<b><u>\$609,921.50</u></b>

**Section 5:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2027, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Mecca Fisher, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Fellman (55) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-115-05  
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-20

AS INTRODUCED

An amendment to the act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2026-2027 process; stating appropriation guidelines; 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 Amendment Act of 2026 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:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress’s Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Registered Student Organizations 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 4:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby unchanged or changed to:

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Academic Team	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Advanced Radar Research Center Student Affairs Committee	\$300.00			<b>\$300.00</b>
African Women's League	\$2,000.00			<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Afrobeatz Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Agricultural Law Association	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Psi Chapter.	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Beta Chapter	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>

Alpha Sigma Kappa - Women and Gender Minorities in Technical Studies	\$900.00			<b>\$900.00</b>
American Cancer Society Relay for Life	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
American Constitution Society	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
American Indian Law Review	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
American Indian Student Association	\$20,000.00			<b>\$20,000.00</b>
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	\$300.00			<b>\$300.00</b>
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
American Marketing Association	\$600.00			<b>\$600.00</b>
American Mock World Health Organization	\$1,600.00			<b>\$1,600.00</b>
American Sign Language Club	\$60.00			<b>\$60.00</b>
American Society of Civil Engineers	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	\$250.00			<b>\$250.00</b>
Anthropology Graduate Student Association	\$900.00			<b>\$900.00</b>
Arab Student Association	\$3,500.00			<b>\$3,500.00</b>
Arabic Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Architectural Engineering Institute	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Asian American Student Association	\$14,000.00			<b>\$14,000.00</b>
Asian Americans in Business Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Asian Americans in Healthcare Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	\$1,575.00			<b>\$1,575.00</b>
Association for Women in Mathematics	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
Association of Geography Graduate Students	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	\$2,500.00			<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Association of Southern African Students	\$850.00			<b>\$850.00</b>
Baccano Italian Club	\$450.00			<b>\$450.00</b>
Bahai Association	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Beekeepers' Association	\$563.00			<b>\$563.00</b>
Beta Alpha Psi	\$1,000.00			<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$1,250.00			<b>\$1,250.00</b>
Biomedical Engineering Student Affairs		\$700.00		<b>\$700.00</b>
Black Men In Stem	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Black Men's Mental Health Club	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Black Muslim Initiative	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Black Student Association	\$27,000.00			<b>\$27,000.00</b>

Black Undergraduate Law Student Association	\$400.00			\$400.00
Boomer Rocket Team			\$250.00	\$250.00
Botanical Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Business Law Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Business Ph.D. Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Caribbean Students Association	\$107.24			\$107.24
Catholic Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Society (ChEGS)	\$700.00			\$700.00
Chi Epsilon	\$800.00			\$800.00
Chinese Language and Culture Club	\$370.00			\$370.00
Christian Legal Society	\$1,300.00			\$1,300.00
Christians on Campus	\$840.00			\$840.00
Circle K International	\$600.00			\$600.00
College Democrats	\$540.00			\$540.00
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	\$900.00			\$900.00
Collegiate National Association for Music Education	\$0.00	\$700.00		\$700.00
Colombian Student Association	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00
Communication Graduate Student Association	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Computer Science Student Board	\$600.00			\$600.00
Cooking Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Criminal Law Association	\$1,400.00			\$1,400.00
Crimson Chords	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Cru	\$640.00			\$640.00
Cybersecurity Club	\$900.00			\$900.00
Data Science and Analytics Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	\$960.00			\$960.00
Disabled Law Student Association	\$770.00			\$770.00
East African Alliance	\$600.00			\$600.00
Economics Club	\$800.00			\$800.00
Elite Dance Team	\$700.00			\$700.00
Engineers' Club	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
Engineers Serving Others	\$400.00			\$400.00
English Club + Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society - Alpha Theta Psi Chapter	\$150.00			\$150.00
Environmental Science Student Association	\$770.00			\$770.00
Eta Kappa Nu, Beta Xi Chapter	\$720.00			\$720.00
Federal Bar Association	\$1000.00			\$1000.00

Finance Student Association	\$450.00			<b>\$450.00</b>
Fired Up Sculpture Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
First Generation Law Student Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
First Year Connections	\$750.00			<b>\$750.00</b>
Flyer Removal Club	\$120.00		\$30.00	<b>\$150.00</b>
French Club	\$620.00			<b>\$620.00</b>
Friday Accounting Meeting	\$720.00			<b>\$720.00</b>
Game Developer's Association	\$300.00			<b>\$300.00</b>
Gaylord College Graduate Students Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Geographic Information Science Student Organization	\$450.00			<b>\$450.00</b>
Girls Who Code	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
Global Africa Child Hope Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
<u>Graduate Business Association</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>			<u><b>\$300.00</b></u>
Graduate Music Student Association	\$250.00			<b>\$250.00</b>
Graduate Philosophical Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	\$250.00			<b>\$250.00</b>
Graduate Student Community @ Gallogly College of Engineering	\$4,000.00			<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Grant Writers Association of Oklahoma	\$550.00			<b>\$550.00</b>
Graphic Design Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
<u>Greenlight Studios</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>			<u><b>\$500.00</b></u>
Green Week	\$900.00			<b>\$900.00</b>
Hacklahoma	\$1,200.00			<b>\$1,200.00</b>
Health and Exercise Science Graduate Student Association	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
Health Law Student Association	\$450.00			<b>\$450.00</b>
Hindu Student Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Hispanic American Student Association	\$12,000.00			<b>\$12,000.00</b>
Honors Cultural Council	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Honors Student Association	\$1,000.00			<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Horn Studio at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
HOSA- Future Health Professionals	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Housing Center Student Association	\$14,500.00			<b>\$14,500.00</b>
India Student Association	\$9,000.00			<b>\$9,000.00</b>
Indigenous Art Forms	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	\$1,037.59			<b>\$1,037.59</b>
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	\$1,000.00			<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>

Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers			\$200.00	\$200.00
Institute of Transportation Engineers at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			\$700.00
Integrity Council	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00
Intellectual Property Society	\$880.00			\$880.00
International Advisory Committee	\$32,000.00			\$32,000.00
International Friendships Inc.	\$700.00			\$700.00
International Security Student Association	\$1,492.00			\$1,492.00
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries	\$350.00			\$350.00
Investment Club at The University of Oklahoma	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00
Iranian Student Association	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00
Jurassic Journeymen	\$400.00			\$400.00
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.	\$400.00			\$400.00
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	\$700.00			\$700.00
Kappa Delta Pi	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00
Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program	\$43.08	\$1,156.92		\$1,200.00
Kiowa Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Korean Student Association	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Laminar	\$700.00			\$700.00
Latin American Law Student Association	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00
Latin Dance Club	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00
Latinos Without Borders	\$3,700.00			\$3,700.00
Law Golf Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$200.00			\$200.00
Law Students for a Free Palestine	\$700.00			\$700.00
Law Students of Texas	\$400.00			\$400.00
Law Technology and Legal Innovation Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Linguistics Club	\$150.00			\$150.00
Little Hearts Alliance	\$440.00			\$440.00
Management and International Business Association	\$200.00			\$200.00
Mathematics Graduate Students Association	\$450.00			\$450.00
MEDLIFE	\$360.00			\$360.00
Minority Association of Pre-Health Students	\$700.00			\$700.00
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	\$2,175.00		\$175.00	\$2,350.00
Model United Nations	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00
Mosaic Health Sciences Conference	\$800.00			\$800.00
MTNA Collegiate Chapter	\$300.00			\$300.00

Multicultural Greek Council	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00
Muslim Student Association	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
National Gay Pilots Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00
National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$17,000.00			\$17,000.00
National Society of Black Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00
Native American Law Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Nepalese Student Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Norman Students for Life	\$700.00			\$700.00
OBI OUtreach	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Society	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	\$900.00			\$900.00
Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	\$1,248.37	\$170.91	\$8,080.72	\$9,500.00
Oklahoma International Law Society	\$1,215.00			\$1,215.00
Oklahoma Law Review	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
Oklahoma Weather Lab	\$800.00			\$800.00
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
OU Badminton Club		\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00
OU Climbing Club	\$315.00			\$315.00
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	\$400.00		\$1,050.00	\$1,450.00
OU Equestrian Club		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
OU Fencing Club	\$720.00	\$1,030.00	\$450.00	\$2,200.00
OU Figure Skating Club	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00
OU Fishing Club	\$400.00	\$320.00		\$720.00
OU Food Pantry Student Association	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
OU Gaming Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU Golf Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU History Club	\$91.88			\$91.88
OU Men's Rugby Club			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
OU Men's Soccer Club		\$1,080.00	\$600.00	\$1,680.00
OU Men's Volleyball Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
OU Pickleball Club	\$280.00		\$420.00	\$700.00
OU Sailing Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU Skate Club	\$700.00			\$700.00

OU Tennis Club	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
OU Women's Soccer Club			\$720.00	<b>\$720.00</b>
Our Mental Health	\$150.00			<b>\$150.00</b>
Outdoor Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Pakistani Student Association	\$2,000.00			<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Parents at Law School	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Peruvian Student Association	\$1,000.00			<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International	\$406.40			<b>\$406.40</b>
Phi Delta Alpha	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Phi Delta Phi	\$250.00			<b>\$250.00</b>
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Pre-Law@Price	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Pre-Medical Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Pre-Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Pre-Veterinary Club	\$360.00			<b>\$360.00</b>
Print Club	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Psychology Graduate Student Association	\$1,500.00			<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Public Interest Law Student Association	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Queer Student Association	\$6,000.00			<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Rooks & Books	\$600.00			<b>\$600.00</b>
Russian Speaking Student Association	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
School of Meteorology Outreach	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	\$1,050.00			<b>\$1,050.00</b>
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	\$510.00			<b>\$510.00</b>
Second Wind Ministries	\$300.00			<b>\$300.00</b>
Sigma Gamma Rho	\$350.00			<b>\$350.00</b>
Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, Alpha Iota Chapter			\$200.00	<b>\$200.00</b>
Sigma Gamma Tau	\$300.00			<b>\$300.00</b>
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Sitaraas	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers	\$600.00			<b>\$600.00</b>
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
Society of International Pre-Med Student	\$800.00			<b>\$800.00</b>
Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Society of Physics Students	\$960.00			<b>\$960.00</b>

Society of Plastics Engineers	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Society of Women Engineers	\$100.00			<b>\$100.00</b>
Sociology/Criminology Club	\$200.00			<b>\$200.00</b>
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	\$2,000.00			<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
Sooner Competitive Robotics	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Sooner Off-Road		\$6,580.00	\$1,850.00	<b>\$8,430.00</b>
Sooner Racing Team	\$500.00		<del>\$2,900.00</del> <u>\$5,500.00</u>	<del>\$3,400.00</del> <b>\$6,000.00</b>
Sooner Rover Team			\$500.00	<b>\$500.00</b>
Sooners Without Borders	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Spaid Oklahoma Chapter	\$533.00		\$167.00	<b>\$700.00</b>
Spanish Language Club	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Speech Team	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Sports and Entertainment Law Society	\$480.00			<b>\$480.00</b>
Steel Bridge Competition			\$700.00	<b>\$700.00</b>
STEM in the Sun	\$1,110.00			<b>\$1,110.00</b>
Student Association of Bangladesh	\$1,800.00			<b>\$1,800.00</b>
Student Association of Graduates in English	\$490.00			<b>\$490.00</b>
Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society & National Weather Association	\$200.00	\$500.00		<b>\$700.00</b>
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Student Planning Association			\$300.00	<b>\$300.00</b>
Student Socialist League	\$250.00			<b>\$250.00</b>
Student Society of Human Relations	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Student Veterans Association	\$650.00			<b>\$650.00</b>
Students for Reproductive Justice	\$350.00			<b>\$350.00</b>
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>
Super League	\$950.00	\$70.00		<b>\$1,020.00</b>
Supply Chain Club	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
Sustainable Energy Society	\$750.00			<b>\$750.00</b>
Tau Beta Pi	\$400.00			<b>\$400.00</b>
Tau Beta Sigma	\$600.00		\$100.00	<b>\$700.00</b>
Tau Kappa Omega Fraternity	\$500.00			<b>\$500.00</b>
The Big Event	\$6,234.00	\$3,000.00		<b>\$9,234.00</b>
The Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club	\$439.46			<b>\$439.46</b>
The Oklahoma Group	\$2,000.00			<b>\$2,000.00</b>
The Trumpet Studio			\$800.00	<b>\$800.00</b>
Undergraduate Anthropological Society	\$700.00			<b>\$700.00</b>

Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	\$2,787.66			\$2,787.66
University Buddhist Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
University of Oklahoma Percussion Society	\$300.00			\$300.00
Venezuelan Association	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Victim Advocacy Program	\$500.00			\$500.00
Vietnamese Student Association	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Wealth Management Club			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Well Read Book Club	\$360.00			\$360.00
Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	\$700.00			\$700.00
Women in Aviation	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>Women in Business Association</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>			<u>\$400.00</u>
Women in Finance	\$700.00			\$700.00
Women in Physics	\$400.00			\$400.00
Women's Health Advocacy	\$3,159.70		\$500.00	\$3,659.70
Women's Rights in Healthcare Organization	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>World Literature Today Student Advisory Board</u>		<u>\$700.00</u>		<u>\$700.00</u>
Young Americans for Freedom at the University of Oklahoma	\$500.00			\$500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$433,487.93</b>
				<b><u>\$434,903.93</u></b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2027, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

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Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Fellman (55) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

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 CXV

April 21st, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26-13

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-XX

SENATE BILL GS26-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance and need for resources of Engineering Competition Teams on campus at the University of Oklahoma; providing for distribution

- Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams are a type of RSO with the intended mission of participating in competitions highlighting various engineering skills and abilities.
- Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams compete in regional and national competitions hosted by various professional organizations such as SAE International<sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup>, The American Society of Civil Engineers<sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup>, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics<sup>11</sup>, and The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition<sup>12</sup>, among others, providing the means for students to make connections with industry professionals that extend beyond their academic career.
- Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams represent the image and values of the University of Oklahoma on an international level.<sup>13</sup>
- Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer avenues for students to explore new projects and ideas, allowing them to apply engineering skills outside their coursework.<sup>14</sup>
- Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer ways for students to tailor their senior-level design projects towards their career field through involvement in such organizations.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fsaeonline.com/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.bajasae.net/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/asce-concrete-canoes-competition>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/student-steel-bridge-competition>

<sup>11</sup> <https://aiaa.org/dbf/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.igvc.org/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jee.20418>

<sup>14</sup> <https://purdueseds.space/liquids/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.ou.edu/coe/ame/resources/capstone>

Whereas: Numerous members of Engineering Competition Teams have expressed concern with the limited funding opportunities for Engineering Competition Teams through the Gallogly College of Engineering's frustration with the time and scope limitations placed on teams by departments and the College, and the lack of constructive dialogue between competition teams and college-level administration.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have had significant success in their competitions, including:

- Sooner Competitive Robotics: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Auto-Nav & 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Grand Award at The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition in 2025, Best Design Report Award at The Student Tele-Operated Robotics Mission in 2025<sup>16</sup>
- Medical Device Make-A-Thon: OU Students placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2025<sup>17</sup>
- Sooner Racing Team: Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Acceleration Event at Formula SAE in 2025<sup>18</sup>
- Concrete Canoe: First place overall results in 2018 & 2013<sup>19</sup>

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have raised a total of \$18,504.69 and taken the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> spots in amount raised for student organizations during OU Giving Day.<sup>20</sup>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Engineering Competition Teams Resolution."

**Section 2:** The purpose of this resolution shall be to recognize the importance and impact that Engineering Competition Teams have on their members; recognize their importance in spreading the image of OU; and acknowledge Competition Teams' need for resources to maintain their impact on and off campus.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commends the impact that Engineering Competition Teams have had on students' education; values how they have represented the University of Oklahoma; and reaffirms support for teams' access and use of the Rawl Engineering Practice Facility.

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<sup>16</sup> <https://ou.edu/scr/results>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.velocityokc.com/blog/inside-okc/student-led-2025-national-medical-device-make-a-thon-thrives-with-support-from-lsok-and-greater-okc-chamber/>

<sup>18</sup> [https://www.fsaeonline.com/CompResources/2025/c796a916-c2e8-4ce6-bae3-c79f36776556/FSAE\\_2025\\_MI5\\_results.pdf](https://www.fsaeonline.com/CompResources/2025/c796a916-c2e8-4ce6-bae3-c79f36776556/FSAE_2025_MI5_results.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.okasce.org/ou-student-group.html>

<sup>20</sup> <https://givesooner.org/pages/ou-challenges>

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association calls on the Gallogly College of Engineering to address the lack of current funding opportunities for competition teams through the College of Engineering, promote ambitious projects and the failure inherent to the engineering process, and create opportunities for productive conversation with Engineering Competition Teams.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- John Klier, Dean
- Randa Shehab, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development
- Annette Moran, Assistant Dean of Students
- Zahed Siddique, Associate Dean for Research
- Jeffery Volz, Associate Dean for Partnerships
- Ramkumar Parthasarathy, AME Director and Professor
- Wei Chen, Director and Professor, Stephenson Endowed Chair
- Randall Kolar, CEES Director and Professor
- John Antonio, Dean, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy and Lester A. Day Family Chair
- Shishir Shah, CS Director and OU Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer
- Dimitrios Papavassiliou, SCBME DIRECTOR
- J.R. Cruz, ECE Director, Tilley Chair Professor
- Michael Santos, Engineering Physics Program Chair and Professor
- Shivakumar Raman, Industrial and Systems Engineering Director
- OU Boomer Rocket Team
- Concrete Canoe
- OU Design/Build/Fly
- Sooner Competitive Robotics
- Sooner Off-Road
- Sooner Racing Team
- Sooner Rover Team
- Steel Bridge
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Medical Device Make-a-thon

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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 Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Muriithi (39)

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 CXV

XXXXXX, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL **CB-XXX-XX**  
SENATE BILL GS26-24

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use 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 Revision Act of 2026.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use in the Conoco Student Leadership Center.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title XI Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

**Section 4:**

**Chapter XI-2 Conoco Student Leadership Center**

1) **Card Access.** ~~The Conoco Student Leadership Center Office SGA Staff Assistant shall collect ID numbers from organizations allocated space during the first two weeks of each semester. The Office shall provide these numbers to the Sooner Card Office, which will use said numbers to allow access to the Center with the ID card reader. This service shall be equally available to all RSOs allocated space. Any RSO submitting numbers that do not correspond to club members, or otherwise abusing this service, shall be subject to fines and ineligibility to apply for office space the following year. Card access to the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be provided each semester to the following positions, along with other SGA members as needed, by discretion of the SGA Advisor & SGA Administrative Support Specialist.~~

- a) Executive Branch Members
  - i) SGA President
  - ii) SGA Vice President
  - iii) SGA Chief of Staff
  - iv) Executive Cabinet Members
  - v) CLA Co-Chairs

- vi) CLA Vice Chairs
- b) Undergraduate Student Congress Members
  - i) Congress Chair
  - ii) Congress Vice Chair
  - iii) Congress Secretary
  - iv) Congress Committee Chairs
- c) Graduate Student Senate Members
  - i) Senate Chair
  - ii) Senate Vice Chair
  - iii) Senate Secretary
  - iv) Senate Committee Chairs
- d) Judicial Branch Members
  - i) Superior Court Chief Justice
  - ii) Superior Court Associate Justices
  - iii) SGA General Counsel
  - iv) SGA Associate General Counsel
  - v) SGA Election Commissioner
- e) Programming Branch Members
  - i) Campus Activities Council Chair
  - ii) CAC General Council Members
  - iii) CAC Event Chairs

## 2) ~~Space Allocation Resources~~

- ~~a) Applications. Application for space shall be made available and accepted by the SGA Department of Student Organizations, and shall be due during the academic week before Spring Break.<sup>2</sup>~~
- ~~b) Eligibility. Only those organizations on the Norman Campus that will have been registered with the Center for Student life for no less than one calendar year at the time of the Fall General Elections shall be eligible to apply for and receive office, cubicle, or storage space.<sup>3</sup>~~
- ~~c) Conoco Space Allocation Committee. The Conoco Space Allocation Committee, consisting of the SGA Vice President, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of Graduate Student Senate, and Campus Activities Council Chair shall consider all valid applications received and present recommendations to the SGA President.<sup>4</sup>~~
- ~~d) Procedure for Assignment of Space. The SGA President shall submit legislation to the legislative branch prior to the Fall General Elections. The space allocations shall be established through an advice and consent act of the SGA, as specified in the SGA Constitution.<sup>5</sup>~~
- ~~e) Term of Occupancy. The term of occupancy in the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall begin one week after the last day of classes in the spring semester, and shall end one week before the last day of classes in the spring semester of the following year.<sup>6</sup>~~
- ~~f) Failure to Renew Registration. Organizations failing to renew their registration with the Center for Student Life are considered inactive, and inactive student organizations are not entitled to office space in the Conoco Center. Any inactive student organization occupying office space in the Conoco Center shall promptly vacate so that the space may be reassigned to a registered student organization in accordance with the University policy and SGA Legislation.<sup>7</sup>~~
- ~~g) Use of Space
 
  - ~~i) Monitoring. The usage of allocated office space shall be monitored. A report shall be presented to the SGA President every month<sup>8</sup> of the academic year evaluating the usage of allocated office space by student organizations. Said reports may be amended by and shall be signed and published by the SGA President. Unless otherwise defined by the legislative branch, the SGA President shall set evaluative criteria and define what constitutes unsatisfactory use. Any such criteria and definitions shall be published. Unsatisfactory use shall include but not be limited to storage only, personal or academic~~~~

- uses, and any use in violation of University policy or higher law. Student organizations shall consent in writing to monitoring prior to occupation of allocated space.<sup>9</sup>
- ~~ii) Notification. Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space shall be notified within 5 business days.<sup>10</sup> Such a student organization shall be in bad standing for the purposes of the SGA budgetary process and shall continue in bad standing until said student organization is no longer reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space. Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space in two consecutive reports shall receive a second notification.<sup>11</sup>~~
  - ~~iii) Vacation. At any point prior to a third consecutive report of unsatisfactory use, a student organization may voluntarily vacate its allocated office space. Upon notification of the SGA President of a decision to voluntarily vacate said student organization shall no longer be in bad standing due to unsatisfactory use of office space.<sup>12</sup>~~
  - ~~iv) Eviction. A third consecutive report or a fifth report within one semester of unsatisfactory use shall cause the office space allocated to an organization to be vacated by the order of the SGA President. Said organization shall not be eligible for the allocation by SGA of office space for the remainder of the academic year, but said executive eviction shall be considered by the SGA Budgetary Committee in any subsequent secondary or emergency allocations occurring in said academic year.<sup>13</sup>~~
  - ~~v) Filling Vacancies. Vacant offices shall be filled according to an order established at the time of allocation. Any such office spaces so filled shall again become vacant at the time when the allocation to the previously occupying student organization would have otherwise expired.<sup>14</sup>~~
  - ~~vi) Appeal. All executive decisions are subject to appeal to the SGA Superior Court.<sup>15</sup>~~
  - ~~vii) Enforcement. The SGA President shall be responsible for the enactment of the provisions of Sec. 7 and may appoint whatever agents they deem necessary for this purpose with the advice and consent of the legislative branch.<sup>16</sup>~~

h) First Floor

- i) Office spaces on the first floor of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for the High Offices & other staff of the Student Government Association, designated by the SGA Advisor.

i) Second Floor & Third Floor

- i) The rooms of the second and third floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for use by Registered Student Organizations (RSO's) and students as follows:
  - (1) **Booking Time:** There shall be no minimum booking time for RSO's
  - (2) **Booking Window:** Booking shall open on the first day of classes each semester at 8am for that current semester.
  - (3) **Event Length:** Booking shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per event. Maximum daily booking per RSO shall be limited to 8 hours.

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

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Hurst (59)

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 CXV

April XXX, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION XXX

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-11

SENATE RESOLUTION GS26-25

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution informing about the negative impacts of confetti usage, along with strongly urging the use of more eco-friendly options at the University of Oklahoma, Norman Main Campus, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Paper and Mylar confetti are small bits of streamers, and commonly used in celebrations including, but not limited to, weddings, birthdays, and graduations,<sup>1,2</sup>. Confetti is also used for small and individual gatherings<sup>2</sup>.

Whereas: However, confetti is a serious environmental concern as it is a microplastic<sup>3</sup>. Further, due to its small nature, confetti is very difficult to completely clean up when used<sup>4</sup>. Most paper confetti is not eco-friendly as it is not biodegradable, making it dangerous for wildlife, which may mistake it for food. Through drainage and runoff systems, confetti can also pollute waterways<sup>4</sup>.

Whereas: Over the last several years, college campuses across the country including Texas State University, Florida State University, and many others have discussed how confetti negatively impacts their local ecosystems<sup>5,6,7,8</sup>. In addition to its negative environmental impacts, there are large costs associated with confetti usage at university graduation ceremonies<sup>7</sup>.

Whereas: Many universities have provided more eco-friendly alternatives to paper confetti including but not limited to biodegradable confetti, flower petals, bubbles, or bird seeds<sup>5,9</sup>. Other campuses utilize bio-degradable and water soluble confetti options to reduce their environmental impact<sup>2</sup>.

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1. *Definition of CONFETTI*. 10 Apr. 2026, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/confetti>.

2. Tracy, Dylan. "The Dark Side of Celebration: The Growing Issue of Confetti in Graduation Photos." *ISSUU*, <https://issuu.com/georgiasouthwestern/docs/souwester-nov-2023/s/41211450>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

3. Grioghair. "Confetti: We Know What It Is but What Is It Made Of?" *KIMO*, 24 Feb. 2020, <https://www.kimointernational.org/news/confetti-we-know-what-it-is-but-what-is-it-made-of/>.

4. "Confetti Awareness." *UCF Arboretum*, <https://arboretum.ucf.edu/confetti-awareness/>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

5. *Glitter Is Litter*. 17 Dec. 2025, <https://www.txst.edu/stormwater/litter-free-txst/confetti-glitter.html>.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma GSS Sustainability Committee has received complaints from both students and faculty regarding the use and lack of adequate confetti cleanup. Students and faculty have similarly expressed desires for the confetti's usage to be more closely monitored.

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 "**Confetti Still Makes Me Upsetti.**"

**Section 2:** In this resolution, University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) urge students to inform themselves regarding the negative impacts of confetti usage to the Norman ecosystem and campus when non-environmentally friendly paper and plastic confetti is used in celebration.

**Section 3:** Although SGA cannot strictly monitor the use of non-environmentally friendly confetti, we strongly recommend that individuals who choose to partake in activities involving confetti explore more environmentally conscientious alternatives. As stated in one of the whereas statements, these alternatives can include, but are not limited to, biodegradable confetti, flower petals (dried or fresh) and seeds.

**Section 4:** We urge and recommend that the University works toward providing students with alternative forms of biodegradable confetti to limit the potential environmental impact confetti has on our campus.

**Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Office of Sustainability
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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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 Minear (50), seconded by Senator Hurst (59).

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

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April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-10  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance  
of environmentally sustainable practices; and providing for  
distribution.

Whereas: April 22, 2026 is Earth Day<sup>21</sup>; and

Whereas: The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, with teach-ins on college campuses across the country<sup>22</sup>; and

Whereas: More than 1 billion people in 190+ countries celebrate Earth Day<sup>23</sup>; and

Whereas: Earth Day helped lead to the passage of some major U.S. environmental laws<sup>24</sup>; and

Whereas: Scientists from Cornell University in found that plants absorbed 157 billion metric tons of Carbon from the atmosphere in 2024<sup>25</sup>; and

Whereas: 157 billion metric of Carbon is equivalent to about 576 billion metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), using standard EPA conversion<sup>26</sup>; and

Whereas: Scientists estimate about half of oxygen production comes from Earth's oceans<sup>27</sup>; and

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<sup>21</sup> Earth Day. "Earth Day 2026 | Theme, Activities, Events & Resources." Accessed April 10, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>.

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<sup>26</sup> "U.S. Energy Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/includes/methodology.php>.

<sup>27</sup> "How Much Oxygen Comes from the Ocean?" Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/ocean-oxygen.html>.

Whereas: Earth’s climate is warming at a rapid pace, not seen for the past 10,000 years<sup>28</sup>; and

Whereas: This warming is highly influenced by human activity<sup>29</sup>; and

Whereas: 2025 was the third-warmest year on record, since records began in 1850<sup>30</sup>; and

Whereas: In February 2026, CO<sub>2</sub> in Earth’s atmosphere was 429 parts per million<sup>31</sup>; and

Whereas: In November 2025, Methane in Earth’s atmosphere was 1,946 parts per billion<sup>32</sup>; and

Whereas: It is estimated that 60% of the Methane in Earth’s atmosphere are the result of humans<sup>33</sup>; and

Whereas: As of March 2026, the global sea level rose about 3.6 inches since satellites started measuring in 1993; and<sup>34</sup>

Whereas: Modern industrial activities have increased CO<sub>2</sub> in Earth’s atmosphere by almost 50% since 1750<sup>35</sup>; and

Whereas: The largest source of human greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. is burning fossil fuels for transportation, heating/air conditioning, and electricity<sup>36</sup>; and

Whereas: Since 1950, there has been around 6.9 billion tons of plastic waste<sup>37</sup>; and

Whereas: An estimated 19-23 million tons of plastic end up in water ecosystems per year<sup>38</sup>; and

Whereas: Since 1950, 91% of plastic waste was not recycled<sup>39</sup>; and

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<sup>28</sup> *Evidence - NASA Science*. June 15, 2022. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/evidence/>.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>30</sup> National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). “Assessing the Global Temperature and Precipitation Analysis in 2025.” January 13, 2026. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/news/global-climate-202513>.

<sup>31</sup> Carbon Dioxide - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/carbon-dioxide/>.

<sup>32</sup> *Methane - Earth Indicator - NASA Science*. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/methane/>.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>34</sup> Sea Level - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/sea-level/>.

<sup>35</sup> Friedlingstein, Pierre, Michael O’Sullivan, Matthew W. Jones, et al. “Global Carbon Budget 2022.” *Earth System Science Data* 14, no. 11 (2022): 4811–900. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-14-4811-2022>.

<sup>36</sup> US EPA, OAR. “Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” *Overviews and Factsheets*. December 29, 2015. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

<sup>37</sup> “About | UNEP Law and Environment Assistance Platform.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://leap.unep.org/en/knowledge/toolkits/plastic/about>.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>39</sup> UC Santa Barbara - Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. “What Percentage of Plastic Is Recycled Globally?” December 18, 2018. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://bren.ucsb.edu/news/what-percentage-plastic-recycled-globally>.

Whereas: When tracking the population of 5000+ vertebrates, the average size has shrunk 73% from 1970 to 2020<sup>40</sup>; and

Whereas: Pollution and habitat change are the strongest motivators of biodiversity loss<sup>41</sup>; and

Whereas: More than 48,600 species are at risk of extinction<sup>42</sup>; and

Whereas: That is 28% of all evaluated species<sup>43</sup>; and

Whereas: About 1/3 of food produced for humans is lost or wasted per year<sup>44</sup>; and

Whereas: That is about 1.3 billion tons of food<sup>45</sup>; and

Whereas: Analyses from the United Nations and leading experts estimate livestock contributed 12-19.6% of global greenhouse gas emissions<sup>46</sup>; and

Whereas: Humans have become a dominant factor shaping the Earth's climate and ecology<sup>47</sup>.

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 “Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the importance of environmentally sustainable practices.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commits to promoting sustainable practices across student life, university activities, and campus operations.

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the campus community to:

- Attend Earth Day events
- Volunteer for Environmental Sustainability Organizations

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<sup>40</sup> “Home.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-US/>.

<sup>41</sup> Keck, François, Tianna Peller, Roman Alther, et al. “The Global Human Impact on Biodiversity.” *Nature* 641, no. 8062 (2025): 395–400. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08752-2>.

<sup>42</sup> IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. “The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.iucnredlist.org/en>.

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>44</sup> “Global Food Losses and Food Waste.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.fao.org/4/mb060e/mb060e00.htm>.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>46</sup> The Breakthrough Institute. “Livestock Don’t Contribute 14.5% of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://thebreakthrough.org/issues/food-agriculture-environment/livestock-dont-contribute-14-5-of-global-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

<sup>47</sup> Chua, Liana, and Hannah Fair. “Anthropocene.” *The Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, ahead of print, January 8, 2019. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.29164/19anthro>.

- Go on the Sustainability Committee’s Trash Walk
- Use bio-friendly confetti in graduation photos
- Share Earth facts on social media
- Support renewable energy initiatives
- Leave no trace in nature
- Plant trees
- Start a garden
- Thrift clothes
- Recycle
- Use less plastic
- Commit to living a more environmentally-friendly life overall

**Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost — Norman
- Dr. David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
- Dr. Matthew Rom, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management
- Marissa Pierson, Senior Director for Facilities Management
- Kyle McGehee, Director of Project Management and Engineering — Facilities Management
- Environmental Science Student Association
- OU Green Week
- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- Sustainable Energy Society
- The Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club
- Earthday.org
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Associate

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Hurst (59), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).

Action taken by Senate: Bill Tabled.

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-12  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-27

AS INTRODUCED

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

Whereas: Weapons on campus create an unsafe learning and work environment. Furthermore, weapons affect the freedom of academic discourse that The University of Oklahoma strives to provide.; and

Whereas: There have been 814-gun deaths in the state of Oklahoma, with firearms being the leading cause of death for young people.<sup>1</sup> ; and

Whereas: Oklahoma has a firearm injury death rate of 19.9 out of 100,000 and is ranked as the 11<sup>th</sup> highest state for gun violence. <sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma state law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus gun carry; and

Whereas: Currently, multiple bills in legislative session affect the way that weapons are regulated on campus, those bills being OK HB1358 and OK HB3036, which loosen restrictions on concealed carry firearms on college campuses and for faculty/staff.

<sup>1</sup> CDC. "Oklahoma." *Stats of the States*, 20 Aug. 2025, [www.cdc.gov/nchs/state-stats/states/ok.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/state-stats/states/ok.html).

<sup>2</sup> "State Data: Oklahoma | Center for Gun Violence Solutions." *Center for Gun Violence Solutions*, 2023, [publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/data/state-gun-violence-data/Oklahoma](http://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/data/state-gun-violence-data/Oklahoma).

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 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2026.”

**Section 2:** The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority to students; any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment.

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

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

**Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- OUPD Chief Derek Fuller

Author: Maximilian Frehde, Member of External Affairs

Co-Sponsors: Michael Wintory, Congress Secretary  
Choncy Canady, Dodge College of Arts and Sciences Representative  
Austin Blackwell, Secretary of Ways and Means

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Baskin (69)

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 CXV

April 14, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-20  
SENATE BILL NO. GS27-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend the SGA Code Annotated,  
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 “Search Committee Approval Revision Act of 2026.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title III Chapter III-2 of the Code Annotated regarding approval of Presidential appointees for Search Committees.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~). All items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

Title II- The Legislature

~~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. This can be approved through email or an in-person meeting.~~

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

Author(s): Grace Thune, Associate  
Jumeirah Newaz, Associate

Co-Author(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Arts and Sciences Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7)

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 CXV

April 14, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-23  
SENATE BILL GS26-29

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend election-related language in the Code Annotated; 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 “Spring 2026 Uncontested Elections Rework Act”.
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the Code Annotated to rework the “Prefer not to vote” option on uncontested ballots, clarify its exact role, and expand the criteria for its inclusion. Additionally, a small change in wording will be made to clarify the proper deadline for infraction reporting.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 1, §8 and Title VI Chapter 5, §3 are amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

**Chapter VI-1 General Provisions**

1. **Uncontested Elections.** All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election, or elections where the number of candidates is less than the number of open positions, an additional option titled “No Candidate” shall be on the ballot. This option represents a direct negation against the candidate(s), not an abstention. The candidate shall win if they receive more votes than the ~~“prefer not to vote”~~ “No Candidate” option. A “Prefer Not to Vote” option shall be available in all elections to allow voters the ability to abstain from voting in a particular race.

**Chapter VI-5 Oversight and Enforcement**

3. **Campaign Rules Infractions.** All complaints regarding violations of the SGA campaign rules shall be submitted in writing to the Election Commission within five (5) days of the incident which generated the complaint or within forty-eight (48) hours ~~of the close~~ following the closing of the polls – whichever is sooner. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected parties of any grievance and allow the accused twenty-four (24) hours to submit a written response or request an oral hearing. The Election Commission shall make a ruling within one (1) Class Day after the accused has

either made a written statement, after the oral hearing, or if they failed to submit either within the twenty-four (24) hour period. The Election Commissioner may not impose any points without the aforementioned hearing process.

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

Author(s): Andy Wang, Election Commissioner

Co-Sponsor(s): Coleman Morgan, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Bueltel (7).

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-02  
SENATE RESOLUTION GS26-30

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution supporting Earth Day sustainability initiatives at the University of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, was deliberately chosen in 1970 to maximize college student participation by falling between spring break and final examinations, highlighting the historic and continuing role of university communities, including the University of Oklahoma, in advancing environmental awareness and civic engagement;<sup>48</sup> and
- Whereas: The City of Norman holds historical significance in Oklahoma’s environmental movement, as the first Earth Day celebration in the state was organized in Norman in 1970 with involvement from the University of Oklahoma, establishing a longstanding connection between the University and environmental advocacy;<sup>49</sup> and
- Whereas: The City of Norman continues to commemorate Earth Day through an annual community-wide Earth Day Festival that promotes sustainability education, conservation practices, and civic engagement;<sup>50</sup> and
- Whereas: Cleveland County, which includes the City of Norman, is monitored for environmental indicators such as ground-level ozone and particulate matter, emphasizing the continued importance of environmental awareness and mitigation efforts;<sup>51</sup> and
- Whereas: Stormwater runoff, watershed protection, and solid waste management remain ongoing environmental priorities within the Norman community, underscoring the need for preventative sustainability practices;<sup>52</sup> and
- Whereas: Institutions of higher education play a critical role in addressing environmental challenges through research, education, campus operations, and student engagement;<sup>53</sup> and

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<sup>48</sup> United States Environmental Protection Agency. “Earth Day.” Last modified 2024. <https://www.epa.gov/earthday>.

<sup>49</sup> Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. “The History of Earth Day in Oklahoma.” Accessed 2026. <https://roserockhabitat.org/rose-rock-habitat-for-humanity/the-history-of-earth-day-in-oklahoma/>.

<sup>50</sup> City of Norman. “Earth Day Festival.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/earth-day-festival>.

<sup>51</sup> United States Environmental Protection Agency. “Outdoor Air Quality Data.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data>.

<sup>52</sup> City of Norman. “Environmental Services.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/environmental-services>.

<sup>53</sup> Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. “Solid Waste.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.deq.ok.gov/divisions/land-protection-division/solid-waste/>.

- Whereas: A 2024 compilation of sustainability-related research at the University of Oklahoma identified more than 130 faculty members and researchers across numerous academic departments engaged in sustainability-focused scholarship, demonstrating the University's substantial institutional commitment to advancing environmental research and innovation;<sup>54</sup> and
- Whereas: The transition toward sustainable and renewable energy sources, including solar and wind energy, is widely recognized as a critical strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting long-term environmental resilience, and institutions of higher education play a leadership role in advancing energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through campus-wide recycling programs, environmental research initiatives, and operational sustainability efforts supported by the Office of Sustainability;<sup>55</sup> and
- Whereas: Student organizations at the University of Oklahoma actively participate in environmental initiatives through campus cleanups, sustainability fairs, recycling advocacy, and educational programming;<sup>8</sup> and
- Whereas: Increased institutional coordination of Earth Day initiatives can improve visibility, participation, and measurable environmental impact across campus; and
- Whereas: Collaboration between the Student Government Association, the Office of Sustainability, and student organizations such as Green Week, ESSA, and Botany Club can strengthen logistical planning, communication, and resource allocation for Earth Day programming;<sup>8</sup> and
- Whereas: Strategic promotion of Earth Day events through official University communication channels such as OU Daily and OU Nightly can increase student awareness and engagement;<sup>56</sup> and
- Whereas: Providing designated campus spaces for Earth Day events, educational booths, and volunteer activities can facilitate safe and accessible participation for students;<sup>57</sup> and
- Whereas: Coordinated waste reduction measures during Earth Day events, including recycling and waste diversion practices, can model sustainable event planning for future campus programming;<sup>8</sup> and
- Whereas: The use of non-biodegradable celebratory materials, including plastic-based confetti commonly used at graduation events and campus celebrations, can contribute to litter, stormwater pollution, and increased cleanup costs, and discouraging such materials supports cleaner campus spaces and environmentally responsible celebrations;<sup>58</sup> and

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<sup>54</sup> University of Oklahoma Office of Sustainability. "2024 Sustainability Researchers at the University of Oklahoma." Internal dataset spreadsheet. 2024.

<sup>55</sup> University of Oklahoma. "Office of Sustainability." Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/sustainability>.

<sup>56</sup> OU Daily. "About OU Daily." Accessed 2026. <https://www.oudaily.com>.

<sup>57</sup> University of Oklahoma Event Services. "Event Services and Campus Space Reservations." Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/eventservices>.

<sup>58</sup> City of Norman. "Environmental Services." Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/environmental-services>.

Whereas: Tracking participation data and sustainability outcomes from Earth Day initiatives can help inform future environmental programming and institutional planning;<sup>59</sup> and

Whereas: Formal recognition of Earth Day by the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate affirms the shared responsibility of students, faculty, administrators, and the Norman community to promote environmental stewardship through both awareness and actionable initiatives.<sup>60</sup>

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

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Earth Day Sustainability Awareness Resolution of 2026.”

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate formally recognize April 22 as Earth Day at the University of Oklahoma and express their support for sustainability-focused initiatives that promote environmental awareness, civic engagement, and responsible campus practices.

**Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage collaboration between the Student Government Association, the University of Oklahoma Office of Sustainability, student organizations, and relevant administrative offices to coordinate Earth Day programming, increase visibility of sustainability initiatives, and enhance student participation.

**Section 4:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage the use of official University communication platforms, campus spaces, and event resources to promote Earth Day activities, sustainability fairs, volunteer opportunities, and educational programming in order to maximize accessibility and engagement.

**Section 5:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate support the incorporation of sustainable event practices during Earth Day programming, including recycling access, waste diversion efforts, and environmentally responsible event planning, as a model for future campus events.

**Section 6:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage continued assessment and documentation of Earth Day participation and sustainability outcomes to inform future environmental initiatives and strengthen long-term environmental stewardship within the campus community.

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

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Office of Sustainability
- OU Daily

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<sup>59</sup> University of Oklahoma. “Office of Sustainability.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/sustainability>.

<sup>60</sup> Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. “The History of Earth Day in Oklahoma.” Accessed 2026. <https://roserockhabitat.org/rose-rock-habitat-for-humanity/the-history-of-earth-day-in-oklahoma/>.

- OU Nightly
- Green Week
- Botany Club
- Environmental Science Student Association

Author: Maya Khalife, Associate

Co-Author: Owen Cunningham, Undergraduate Sustainability Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor: Benjamin Fellman, Graduate Sustainability Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

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

Signed by President: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-07

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-31

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging  
the importance of the recognition of  
Sexual Assault Awareness Month;  
and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 2001, the NSRVC coordinated the first National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and
- Whereas: In 2009, Barack Obama became the first president to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and<sup>61</sup>
- Whereas: Teal is the official color to represent Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is used to symbolize solidarity and unity; and
- Whereas: April 1st being recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month allows communities to come together to raise awareness and stand by survivors; and<sup>62</sup>
- Whereas: Sexual Assault Awareness Month acts as a pillar to show survivors that they are not alone and prevent future victims in the future; and
- Whereas: Sexual Assault Awareness Month works as an empowerment for those who have been impacted; and
- Whereas: Nearly half of women and 1 in 6 men experienced some form of sexual violence; and

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<sup>61</sup> “SAAM | CARE Office.” *Ucmerced.edu*, 2025, [care.ucmerced.edu/awareness-months/saam](https://care.ucmerced.edu/awareness-months/saam).

<sup>62</sup> “SAAM 2025 Day of Action - National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).” *National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)*, 24 Apr. 2025, [www.nsvrc.org/saam/day-of-action/](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam/day-of-action/).

- Whereas: More than 1 in 5 women and 1 in 31 men experienced completed or attempted sexual assault; and<sup>63</sup>
- Whereas: 1 in 3 female victims and 1 in 4 male victims of attempted or completed sexual assault were between the ages of 11 and 17; and
- Whereas: The estimated lifetime cost of sexual assault is \$122,461 per victim; and
- Whereas: From 2017 to 2018, the amount of sexual assaults reported to the police decreased by over fifteen percent and has continued to decline into the present; and<sup>64</sup>
- Whereas: One in five (20-25%) of women are sexually assaulted while in college, with undergraduate women facing a significantly higher risk, especially during the first year; and<sup>65</sup>

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 “Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resolution of 2026”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Section 3:** OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of April to learn more about resources available and collaborate to improve safety on campus.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr
  - The OU Daily
  - The OU Nightly
  - Director of Advocacy and Education, Ann Schafer
  - OU Advocates

Author(s): Madilynn Sneller, Associate

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<sup>63</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “About Sexual Violence.” *Sexual Violence Prevention*, CDC, 23 Jan. 2024, [www.cdc.gov/sexual-violence/about/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/sexual-violence/about/index.html).

<sup>64</sup> “Statistics - National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).” National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), 17 Sept. 2025, [www.nsvrc.org/statistics/](http://www.nsvrc.org/statistics/).

<sup>65</sup> RAINN. “Statistics: Campus Sexual Violence.”

<https://rainn.org/facts-statistics-the-scope-of-the-problem/statistics-campus-sexual-violence/#:~:text=9.7%25%20of%20female%20and%202.5,Age%20Adults%20Face%20Increased%20Risk>

Co-Author(s): Baylor Savage, Business Representative

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

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  
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April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-09  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-32

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of April  
as Autism Awareness Month; and providing for  
distribution.

Whereas: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas: This condition affects an estimated 1 in 31 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States<sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas: While autism can be reliably diagnosed by a specialist by age 2, the average age of diagnosis in the U.S. is 5 years; and

Whereas: Autism is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees, often accompanied by conditions such as seizures, ADHD, and anxiety; and

Whereas: Only 21% of people with disabilities, including autism, are currently employed, highlighting a critical need for vocational support and workplace accommodations; and

Whereas: April is recognized as National Autism Awareness Month, with World Autism Awareness Day occurring annually on April 2nd.

<sup>1</sup>Lukas, Lighthouse. "Autism Awareness Month." *Lighthouse Autism Center*, 27 June 2022, [lighthouseautismcenter.com/blog/infographic-autism-awareness-month/](https://lighthouseautismcenter.com/blog/infographic-autism-awareness-month/).

<sup>2</sup>Autism Speaks. "Autism Statistics and Facts." *Autism Speaks*, Autism Speaks Inc., 2023, [www.autismspeaks.org/autism-statistics-asd](https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-statistics-asd).

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

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Autism Awareness Month Resolution.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association suggests the following ways to recognize Autism Awareness Month:

- Wear blue clothing or bright, bold colors throughout April to show support.
- Educate yourself by delving into resources to gain a deeper understanding of autism’s impact on individuals and families.
- Support inclusion by patronizing businesses that employ autistic individuals or donating to organizations providing community resources.
- Advocate for legislation by contacting local and state leaders regarding policies that affect access to services and research.
- Practice acceptance daily by keeping an open mind and heart when interacting with autistic people in your circles.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- William Wayne, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Gary E. Raskob, Ph.D., Provost of the Health Campus
- Lee A. Jennings, M.D., Director of Health Services
- Carolyn Kloek, M.D., MBA, Chief of Medical Staff

Author(s): Kayla Hawley, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-24  
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-33

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Co-Chairs for the  
Crimson Leadership Association; providing for a 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 “Canady-Sneller Appointment Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be name and appoint Co-Chairs for the Crimson Leadership Association who will serve the entirety of the 2026-2027 academic year.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the SGACA Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 3, subsections b, the Co-Chairs shall be appointed by a board comprised of the SGA Vice President and the previous year’s Co-Chairs, with approval of the President, and advice and consent from the Legislature.

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

- Choncy Canady
- Madilynn Sneller

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

Author(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair  
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Co-Author(s): Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President

Co-Sponsor(s): Mercer Martin, SGA President

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Jensen (3), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (56)

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-26  
SENATE BILL GS26-34

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 “Spring 2026 Superior Court Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint four 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 the Superior Court is one of the panelists; however, they will only vote in the event of the tie.
- Thomas Duncan
  - Rachel Dodge
  - Lachlan Sigle
  - Trey Talbot
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Mercer Martin, Student Government Association  
Chair Summer Edwards, Graduate Student Senate  
Chief Justice Tucker Dunn, Superior Court  
General Counsel Mary McNeal, Student Government Association  
Chief of Staff Henry Christiansen, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Bueltel (7), seconded by Senator Fellman (55)

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26  
April 23, 2026

SENATE BILL NO. GS26-36

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act Approving the Outstanding  
Graduate Student Awards for 2024-2025 academic year;  
providing short title;  
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 2025-2026 Academic Year.”

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

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

Chinedu Nsude of the Department of Geography and Environmental Stability in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences is hereby named the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Sabah-ud-din Waqar of the Engineering Education Program in the Gallogly College of Engineering is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Mahshad Fani of the School of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering in the Gallogly College of Engineering, is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate commends the outstanding accomplishments and commitment to excellence of all thirty-two 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.

Author(s): Graduate Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Fullerton (2), seconded by Senator Minear (50)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 28, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23th, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ~~CR-XXX-XX~~  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-37

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance  
of the celebration and recognition of Arab Heritage  
Month; and providing distribution.

- Whereas: Since 1527, Arab Americans have been present in the United States, with significant waves of immigration beginning in the 1880s, including from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and Iraq; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month, recognized each April, states the presence of Arab Americans in the United States, connecting the past and present to pursue recognition and foster cultural understanding and equity; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month works as a bridge toward further education and recognition, as well as celebrates the role that Arab Americans have and continue to play not only in our country's economy, culture, and civic life, but in the broader history of human civilization; and
- Whereas: In today's society, Arab Americans continue to face discrimination on multiple fronts and remain underrepresented at every level;
- Whereas: The recognition of April as National Arab American Heritage Month links Arab Americans across the nation to acknowledge past and present contributions, as well as to come together to address Arabophobia and discrimination on the largest scale possible; and
- Whereas: Additionally, Arab Americans face the fact that federal Census forms have yet to include an official category that accurately reflects this community; and
- Whereas: Arab Americans remain one of the most undercounted communities in the United States, with the American Community Survey recording approximately 2.2 million individuals of Arab ancestry in 2022, while researchers and the Arab American Institute estimate the true population to be significantly higher; and
- Whereas: The Arab American population has more than doubled since 1980 and grew by nearly 43% between 2010 and 2024, representing one of the fastest growing groups in the world, with Arab Americans present in all 50 states;

Whereas: In 2023, the FBI recorded 123 anti-Arab hate crime incidents, the highest number since the category was first tracked in 2015, representing a 34% increase from 2022, with researchers noting this figure is a significant undercount of actual incidents; and

Whereas: Arab Americans live in all 50 states, with nearly 70% concentrated in twelve states, and up to 95% residing in metropolitan areas, reflecting a deeply rooted and geographically widespread community whose contributions touch every region of the country; and to 3.7 million; and

Whereas: Arab Americans own over 110,000 businesses across the United States, generating billions in annual revenue and contributing to every sector of the American economy; and;

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

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026”.

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of April as Arab American Heritage; and

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of April to learn more about Arab Heritage and History and challenges faced by the Arab community, to foster a better environment for access and opportunity to thrive on campus.

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

- Joseph Harroz, Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite, Vice President for Access and Opportunity
- David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students
- International Advisory Committee
- International Student Affairs
- Arab Student Association
- Omani Student Association
- Afghan Student Association
- Arab Literature Book Club
- Arabic Club
- Belly Dancing Club
- Turkish Student Association
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

Author(s): Delia J. Benitez Mendoza, Business Representative,  
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Submitted on a motion by: Senator Esteva-Ingram (56), seconded by Senator Jensen (3).

Action taken by Congress: Passed via unanimous consent.

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: \_\_\_\_\_