

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
September 3rd, 2026, 7:00 PM**

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/join/92159262702?signature=TEeeKeI2ySV17b3yIIprgvTX5QuDoYm8fQy0WBcOYsS>

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

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

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: (minutes from previous meeting:
<https://www.ou.edu/sga/branches/graduate-student-senate/agendas-and-minutes>)

Motion to Approve: Senator Bueltel (8), seconded by Senator Jones (71)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Summer Edwards
 - We are so excited for you to serve with us this year! Many new departments are being represented, and we have numerous departments with returning senators. We are starting with 84 senators!
 - As mentioned in the new student orientation, my office hours are Mondays from 7:30-8:30 PM, Wednesdays from 12-3 PM, and Thursdays from 2-8 PM. Please make sure to use my GSS president email for any questions or concerns you may have.
- Vice-Chair: Sam Jensen
 - So excited to start this year with you all! My responsibilities this year will be focused on creating our meeting agendas and helping senators with the legislation process.
 - On OU Engage, within “My Groups”, you should be able to click “GSS” and then access information called “Bill Templates” within “Files”. Many documents are included in here, explaining the different types of legislation, how to use the templates, and what the bill writing process may consist of for each type of legislation.
 - Office hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 10AM-12 PM, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 PM, and by appointment as needed.
 - GSS Chair Edwards: a bill can be anything you want it to be (for example, some bills made last year included recognizing heritage months and student groups). Other things include call to actions addressing the university and requesting them to take specific actions.
- Secretary: Benjamin Fellman
 - I will be responsible for taking general meeting and committee meeting attendance, along with notetaking for the executive and general body meetings.
 - Going through three important forms on Engage:
 - 1. GSS Senator Shoutout – a new initiative starting this year! At the end of every meeting during announcements, there is a chance to submit an accomplishment of a senator in GSS (self-nominations are welcome!).

- 2. Committee Meeting Attendance Form – someone should be recording meeting notes and attendance each meeting. Following each committee meeting, this form needs to be submitted.
- 3. Proxy Request Form – in the event you are unable to make a general meeting on a Thursday evening or committee meeting, you can request a proxy take your place! This proxy must be from your department, and proxy requests must be submitted at least two days in advance.
- GSS Chair Edwards: For the GSS Senator Shoutouts, some things you can submit include someone passing their general exam, getting a paper developed, receiving an award, performing for the first time – lighthearted fun accomplishments are encouraged to be shared!

Breakout Rooms to Elect Committee Leadership

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

- For this first meeting, each committee was responsible for sharing (1) their Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary appointments and (2) their committee meeting time and date.
- Academic Affairs:
 - Chair: Senator Calles (70)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Lumula (48)
 - Secretary: To be determined
 - Meeting time: After general meetings on Thursday evenings
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Chair: Senator Buelte (8)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Kistler (56)
 - Secretary: Senator Arredondo (6)
 - Meeting time: After general meetings on Thursday evenings
- External Affairs:
 - Chair: Senator Jones (71)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Bissonnette (64)
 - Secretary: Senator Akinro (52)
 - Meeting time: Before general meetings on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM
- Internal Affairs:
 - Chair: Senator Fullerton (2)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Hamilton (66)
 - Secretary: Senator Djassi (25)
 - Meeting time: To be determined
- International Student Affairs:
 - Chair: Senator Sadiku (27)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Tuli (37)
 - Secretary: Senator Muriithi (45)
 - Meeting time: Before general meetings on Thursday evenings at 6 PM
- Public Relations:
 - Chair: Senator Chandra (17)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Khan (54)
 - Secretary: Senator Givan (53)
 - Meeting time: Before general meetings on Thursday evenings
- Sustainability:
 - Chair: Senator Eatmon (35)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Owen II (39)

- Secretary: Senator Azizi (50)
 - Meeting time: to be determined
- Ways and Means:
 - Chair: Senator Esteva-Ingram (62)
 - Vice Chair: Senator Nazari (59)
 - Secretary: Senator Winston (76)
 - Meeting time: After general assembly on Thursday evenings

Student Concerns:

- No student concerns were brought up.

Special Orders:

- **GF26-01:** Establishment of a Special Election
- **GF26-02:** Congressional District Update
 - Motion to see GF26-01 and GF26-02 as a block by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
 - Author: First bill is establishing a special election on Thursday, September 24th. This is being done so that the second bill, which is a referendum, can be put on this ballot. This second bill that is being seen will do two things for the undergraduate student congress:
 - It alters the way we can allocate our districts. Currently, we have a range of 14-18 districts that we can allocate to. My vision is to now do this by academic college. This would be a more equitable way of creating them and making sure seats are being filled. This will also allow for our congressional size to be changed in our own bylaws in a much stricter threshold.
 - Motion to pass GF26-01 and GF26-02 by unanimous consent by Senator Cunningham (42). No objections.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Senator Shoutout
 - Chair Edwards wrote a shoutout for Secretary Fellman: Ben spoke on a panel in Germany this year with Nobel Laureates! Go Benjamin!

Adjournment: 7:44

Motion to Adjourn by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Wilson (12)

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

September 1, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26

September 3, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-02

SENATE BILL GF26-01

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to establish a special election;
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 “Establishment of a Special Election.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a special election on the date of
Thursday September 24th.

Section 3: A special election of the Student Government Association shall be held on Thursday
September 24th, this election shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Election Commission
and Commissioner in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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

Author(s): Coleman Morgan, Congress Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Associate Fischer seconded by Representative Cox

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 21-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Winston (76) 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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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

September 1, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26

September 3, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-03

SENATE BILL GF26-02

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation providing a proposition to amend the SGA Constitution; 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 “Congressional District Update.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to alter the SGA Constitution to change how the Undergraduate Student Congress allocates its seats.
- Section 3:** The following amendments to the SGA Constitution shall serve as a proposition and shall be placed on the ballot of the special election on Thursday September 24th to be voted upon by all members of the SGA.
- Section 4:** ARTICLE III §(2) shall be amended as follows (all additions shall be denoted by an underline and all removals with a ~~striketrough~~):
- (1) Representatives of Congress shall be elected on the basis of their academic district. Students will be classified by their most recent declared major ~~except in the case that said student is in the University College as determined by official University records.~~ Vacancies in elected districts shall occur when a representative changes districts; ~~however, representatives of the University College District shall serve for their full term, even upon moving to their declared major's college.~~
- (2) Representatives shall be elected for a one year term, with elections to be held at least once a year as determined by an act of Congress. Congress shall be divided into a range of districts with the lower bound corresponding to the number of degree seeking academic colleges and the upper bound being eighteen (18) ~~fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) districts.~~

These districts will be apportioned on the basis of academic interests. Congressional districts and their composition will be located in the SGA Student Congress Bylaws. Changes must be approved by a three fourths (3/4) majority of the total membership of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress as outlined in Article III, section 2(5).

(3) Congressional vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedures established in the Congress By-Laws and in acts concerning election procedures.

(4) Congress shall elect its officers.

(5) Congress shall consist of a number of representatives defined in the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws. ~~forty-eight (48) representatives effective the fiftieth Congress.~~ Each district's proportion of representatives will be decided every two years before the first general election of the year. This apportionment will be calculated by using the most recently available enrollment figures and must be calculated by an act of Congress in a timely fashion. The total number of undergraduates will be divided by the number of congressional seats ~~forty-eight (48)~~ seats to determine the proportion of students represented by each congressional seat. Then each district's seats are to be allocated in the most equally proportioned manner based on enrollment.

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

Author(s): Coleman Morgan, Congress Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Radzanowski seconded by Representative Cox

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 21-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Winston (76) seconded by Senator Fullerton (2)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____