

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
September 17th, 2026, 7:00 PM**

Zoom Conference Call

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

Call to Order: 7:01 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 Esteva-Ingram (62), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Summer Edwards
 - Few general things happening within SGA:
 - Food drive against University of Texas - helping OU food pantry.
 - Need shelf-stable food and drink donations from now until 10/2; Amazon wish list is included on their website.
 - Mental health week
 - Whole week lined up of events beginning on 9/28:
 - Monday - handing out resources about 988 from 10 AM - 3 PM in the South Oval.
 - Tuesday – providing timely care resources (student resources for mental health counseling, therapy appointments, etc.). Passed out in the Union from 11 AM – 3 PM.
 - Wednesday – yoga or stretch class at Sarkey’s from 4-6 PM.
 - Thursday – showing a film “Perks of Being a Wallflower”. Location and time tbd.
 - Friday – Real talk with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Location tbd from 6:30-8:30 PM.
 - Auxiliary funding is OPEN for RSOs! If you are an Exec member of your organization, under the manage settings, there is a setting that says “Budget” where you can create a budget request.
 - This is the money that SGA and the budgetary committee distributes. No closed date and apps are on a rolling basis.
 - Must be a registered student organization; RSO enrollment ends 9/18.
 - If you have questions or need any help, reach out to one of us!
- Vice-Chair: Sam Jensen
 - Please just remember if you are writing any bills or presenting any bills, let me know if there is any way that I can help!
- Secretary: Benjamin Fellman

- Two main things to bring up:
 - 1. Make sure that you are submitting your committee notes on Engage!
 - 2. I did not state this during last week's meeting as I was so excited to give my first update, but my office hours will be on Mondays (virtually) from 7:30-8:30 PM, Wednesdays from 1:30-4:30 PM, and Thursdays from 4-8 PM.

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

- Academic Affairs: Report given by Senator Lumula (48)
 - Nothing new to report – first meeting will be after this general meeting.
- Development & Philanthropy: Report given by Senator Bueltel (8)
 - Meeting directly following this – will be discussing potential events to get smaller events planned before bigger events. Game nights, movie nights, etc.
- External Affairs: Report given by Senator Jones (71)
 - Just had first meeting – discussed creating a survey for graduate students. This is related to Higher Ed Day, and the survey will allow students to discuss certain issues that they want to discuss with state representatives.
- Internal Affairs: Report given by Senator Fullerton (2)
 - Meeting 9/18 to discuss some preliminary things for the committee.
- International Student Affairs: Report given by Senator Sadiku (27)
 - Met earlier and talked about some of the things that they want to do this semester.
 - Planning to meet physically to get to know each other.
- Public Relations: Report given by Senator Chandra (17)
 - Just had first meeting and discussed general things about the committee.
- Sustainability: Report given by Senator Eatmon (35)
 - Having first meeting directly after this – discussing an idea brought to the table during executive meeting.
- Ways and Means: Report given by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62)
 - Meeting directly after this – will be discussing GSS grants.
 - Grants will be opening on Monday, 9/21 – pamphlet will be sent out shortly that should go to all departments.

Student Concerns: None

Special Orders:

- **GF26-03:** Honoring the 2026 NCAA National Champions University of Oklahoma Women's Gymnastics Team
- **GF26-04:** Honoring the 2026 NCAA National Champions University of Oklahoma Men's Baseball Team
 - Motion to see GF26-03 and GF26-04 as a block by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Khan (54).
 - Author: These bills are congratulating two of our amazing teams who competed and won national championships. OU is now up to 47 total national championships!
 - Motion to pass GF26-03 and GF26-04 by unanimous consent by Senator Fullerton (2). No objections.
- **GF26-05:** National Voter Registration Day Resolution
 - Motion to see GF26-05 by Senator Burroughs (40), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62).

- Author: Bill is pushing Voter Registration – Voter Registration Day is the highest day of voter registration annually. This is hoping to inspire more young voters to go out and register to vote.
 - Motion to pass GF26-05 by unanimous consent by Senator Jones (71). No objections.
- **GF26-06:** National Suicide Prevention Month Resolution Act
 - Motion to see GF26-06 by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62).
 - Author: Not present to explain the bill.
 - Motion to table GF26-06 by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Khan (54)
- **GF26-07:** SGA Executive Cabinet Appointment Act of Fall 2026
 - Motion to see GF26-07 by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62), seconded by Senator Keesling (34).
 - Author: Executive Cabinet Act; International Student Liaison position is now open.
 - Application was opened and got triple the number of original applications. After conducting interviews, we selected this individual and are very excited for what she will do in the cabinet and for all international students.
 - Motion to pass GF26-07 by unanimous consent by Senator Khan (54). No objections.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Senator Shoutouts
 - Secretary Fellman shouted out Senator Esteva-Ingram (62) for having a manuscript accepted for publication! Go Tatiana!

Adjournment: 7:19 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Senator Winston (76), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62).

Meeting Attendance:

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

September 8, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26

September 17, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the 2026 NCAA
National Champions University of Oklahoma Women's
Gymnastics team and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team demonstrated excellence in competition, in the classroom, and throughout the University community; and
- Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team finished the 2026 season with a record of thirty-five wins, one loss, and one tie; and
- Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team completed conference competition with a perfect 8-0 record and captured its second consecutive Southeastern Conference regular-season championship and first outright SEC title; and
- Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team posted a score of 198.1625 in the NCAA championship final, defeating LSU, Florida, and Minnesota to claim the 2026 national championship; and
- Whereas: Whereas: The 2026 championship was the eighth national championship in program history, the team's second consecutive national championship, and its fourth national championship in five years; and
- Whereas: Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team advanced to the NCAA championship final for the twelfth time in thirteen years and captured its sixteenth consecutive NCAA regional championship; and
- Whereas: Whereas: Eight members of the team combined to earn fifteen All-America honors, while Faith Torrez captured the all-around title and Keira Wells captured the vault title, marking the twenty-third and twenty-fourth individual national championships in program history; and
- Whereas: All eighteen members of the 2026 OU Women's Gymnastics team earned Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association Scholastic All-America honors, and the team achieved a 3.77 grade-point average for the 2025-26 academic year; and

Whereas: Whereas: The accomplishments of the OU Women’s Gymnastics team inspired pride and enthusiasm among students, alumni, and members of the University of Oklahoma community; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Honoring the 2026 National Champion OU Women’s Gymnastic Team.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the 2026 OU Women’s Gymnastic Team for winning the 2026 national championship and demonstrating excellence on and off the mat.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- K.J. Kindler, OU Women’s Gymnastics Head Coach
- All members of the 2025-26 OU Women’s Gymnastic Team
- Roger Denny, OU Director of Athletics
- Joe Castiglione, OU Director of Athletics Emeritus
- Joseph Harroz Jr, OU President
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Mercer Martin, SGA President
Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President
Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff
Harry Powers, Campus Activities Council Chair

Co-Author(s): Coleman Morgan, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair
Summer Edwards, Graduate Student Senate Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Baker, seconded by Representative Bregnard

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 32-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Winston, seconded by Senator Khan

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 CXVI

September 8, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26

September 17, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-02

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the 2026 NCAA
National Champions University of Oklahoma Men's
Baseball Team; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The OU Baseball team demonstrated excellence, perseverance, and determination throughout the 2026 season; and
- Whereas: The OU Baseball team finished the season with a record of forty-three wins and twenty-three losses, including eleven wins and two losses during the NCAA postseason; and
- Whereas: The OU Baseball team earned nine victories over nationally seeded opponents during its championship run, the most by any team since national seeding began in 1999; and
- Whereas: The OU Baseball team defeated North Carolina in Games 1 and 3 of the Men's College World Series championship series by scores of 9-3 and 13-2, respectively, to win the series two games to one; and
- Whereas: The OU Baseball team captured the third national championship in program history, joining the championship teams of 1951 and 1994; and
- Whereas: Jaxon Willits was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2026 Men's College World Series after recording a school-record thirteen hits during the College World Series; and
- Whereas: Head Coach Skip Johnson was named the 2026 National Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association after leading the Sooners to the national championship; and
- Whereas: The accomplishments of the OU Baseball team inspired pride and enthusiasm among students, alumni, and members of the University of Oklahoma community; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Honoring the 2026 National
Champion OU Baseball Team.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the 2026 OU
Baseball team for winning the 2026 national championship and demonstrating excellence on
and off the field.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Skip Johnson, OU Baseball Head Coach
- All members of the 2025-26 OU Baseball Team
- Roger Denny, OU Director of Athletics
- Joe Castiglione, OU Director of Athletics Emeritus
- Joseph Harroz Jr, OU President
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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Wick seconded by Representative Callahan

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 32-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Winston, seconded by Senator Khan

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

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26

September 17, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-03

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-05

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging the
importance and recognition of National Voter Registration
Day; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The right to vote serves as the foundation of our democratic republic, enabling citizens to actively participate in shaping their local, state, and national governance; and
- Whereas: National Voter Registration Day was established in 2012 as a national nonpartisan civic holiday to mobilize thousands of organizations, volunteers, and election officials to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote; and
- Whereas: Since its inception in 2012, National Voter Registration Day has helped register more than 6 million Americans to exercise their constitutional right to vote¹; and
- Whereas: National Voter Registration Day is recognized across the country and endorsed by nonpartisan bodies including the U.S. Election Assistance Commission²; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma hosts nonpartisan civic engagement efforts through initiatives like Oklahoma Votes to encourage student voter education and registration³;
- Whereas: Higher education institutions serve as essential access points for young voters, helping college students navigate residency requirements, address updates, and absentee voting; and

¹ Library Staff. "Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library." Cincylibrary, 8 Sept. 2025, <https://chpl.org/blogs/post/national-voter-registration-day/>.

² "2012 Election and Voting Information Survey." US Election Assistance Commission, Sept. 2013, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2012ElectionAdministrationandVoterSurvey.pdf.

³ Voting Social Media. "Voting Information." Ou.Edu, 2018, <https://www.ou.edu/voting>.

- Whereas: According to official records from the Cleveland County Election Board, Cleveland County maintains over 180,000 registered voters participating in municipal, state, and federal elections⁴; and
- Whereas: Local municipal elections in Norman, Oklahoma, often highlight the need for continuous voter mobilization and civic awareness across all city wards; and
- Whereas: Community members, campus student leaders, and civic organizers in Norman work collaboratively on National Voter Registration Day to ensure every eligible resident has the resources needed to make their voice heard; and
- Whereas: College student voter participation remains a vital force in national elections, with voter registration among college students reaching 76% in 2024; and
- Whereas: College campus voter engagement initiatives across the country helped achieve a 53% overall student voter turnout rate in the 2024 presidential election, demonstrating the significant impact of higher education civic programs.⁵

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 “National Voter Day Resolution of 2026”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes September 15th as National Voter Registration Day
- Section 3:** OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of National Voter Registration Day to register to vote, update their voter registration details, and learn more about local, state, and federal elections to foster a culture of active civic participation across campus.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr
 - The OU Daily
 - The OU Nightly
 - Oklahoma Votes
 - OU College Democrats
 - OU College Republicans
 - Norman Chamber of Commerce

⁴ “Voter Registration Statistics | Cleveland County Election Board.” Clevelandcountyelectionboard.Com, 2026, <https://www.clevelandcountyelectionboard.com/voter-registration-statistics>. Accessed 6 Sept. 2026.

⁵ “More than Half of College Students Voted In 2024.” Tufts.Edu, 12 Nov. 2025, <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/more-half-college-students-voted-2024>. Accessed 6 Sept. 2026.

Author(s): Madilynn Sneller, External Affairs Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Kyla Callahan, Business Representative
 Sam Bregnard, External Affairs Secretary

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Baker seconded Representative Pasupathy

Action taken by Congress: Passed 31-1-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Burroughs, seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

September 15, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26-06

September 17, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-04

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution establishing the month of
September as National Suicide Prevention Month and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day, and September 8 is 9-8-8 Day; and
- Whereas: 9-8-8 Day serves to raise awareness for the National Mental Health Hotline and is available as a suicide and crisis lifeline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week⁶; and
- Whereas: 3 in 4 people who contact 9-8-8 report receiving the support they need⁷; and
- Whereas: Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 10-34 year olds with an approximate 11% of college students seriously considering suicide within the last year⁸; and
- Whereas: 33% of the US population ages 18-25 experienced a mental, behavioral, or emotional health issue within the past year and is a consistent trend over past 5 years⁸; and
- Whereas: Mental health emergencies regarding thoughts of suicide have disproportionately affected minority communities such as the LGBTQ+ (41%), and teen girls are 2.5 times more likely to attempt suicide⁸; and

⁶ “Promote National Suicide Prevention Month.” 988 Lifeline. <https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/>.

⁷ “Suicide Prevention Month.” National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2026, <https://www.nami.org/stay-connected/events/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-month/>.

⁸ “Mental Health and Suicide Statistics.” The Jed Foundation. December 2025, <https://jedfoundation.org/mental-health-and-suicide-statistics/>.

- Whereas: American Indian and Alaska Native youth aged 10-24 have the highest rate of suicide of all demographic groups⁹; and
- Whereas: The military and veteran suicide rate is 1.5x higher than the national average, with an average of 22 veterans a day taking their lives¹⁰; and
- Whereas: Suicide Prevention Month serves as a time to raise awareness for mental health resources, spread hope, take action around ensuring mental health resources are available to all people; and
- Whereas: Suicide Prevention Month also serves as a time to educate ourselves and others on warning signs resources for help for mental health emergencies; and
- Whereas: Out of the Darkness Walks are hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Norman's Walk is to be hosted September 27¹¹; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Counseling Center provides mental health services to students for free 24/7 to promote the psychological wellbeing of all students on campus.

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 “National Suicide Prevention Month Resolution Act”.
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month, September 10 as National Suicide Prevention Day, and September 8 as 9-8-8 Day.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association is committed to promoting the use of mental health resources for all students and ensuring the protection of resources available for students on the University’s campus.

⁹ “Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities.” National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2026, <https://www.nami.org/community-and-culture/indigenous/suicide-prevention-in-indigenous-communities/>.

¹⁰ “September is Suicide Prevention Month.” Disabled Veterans National Foundation. 2023, https://www.dvnf.org/september-suicide-prevention-month-spread-word/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23191593775&gbraid=0AAAAADmy817WHPon1hrqipfn4XhZWkAk5&gclid=CjwKCAjwqonVBhA4EiwA9wYJ3TjpBAvmuckeYLJZ05Ov7RO5BCXFD1MJ5jp2JA1H-97rXW9yVYwvhxoCirMQAvD_BwE.

¹¹ “Join the Out of the Darkness Walk in Oklahoma to Support Suicide Prevention.” American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Oklahoma Chapter. Facebook. 25 Aug 2026, <https://www.facebook.com/AFSPOklahoma/posts/there-is-a-place-for-you-at-the-out-of-the-darkness-walkwhether-youre-walking-to/1374371764814190/>.

Section 4: OU SGA encourages the student body to educate themselves on mental health statistics and resources, participate in local community mental health events, and serve as a resource to those who may be struggling.

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

- President Joseph Harroz, University of Oklahoma
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Goddard Counseling Center

Author: Lorelai Radzanowski, Human Diversity Chair

Co-Author: Lilith Thompson, Associate

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Toyos Perez seconded by Representative Sneller

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Winston, seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram

Action taken by Senate: Tabled

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX

Month DD, YYYY

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF26

September 17, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX

SENATE BILL GF26-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA Executive Cabinet Appointment Act of Fall 2026.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the position of International Student Liaison for the remainder of the Martin-Nicholson administration.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The members of the Executive Cabinet shall consist of the Chief of Staff, and any other coordinators, assistants, and liaisons deemed necessary by the President and appropriate by the Legislative houses through advice and consent.”

The following students shall be appointed to their respective positions.

International Student Liaison – Vikki Hladiuk

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

Authors: President Mercer Martin, Student Government Association
Vice President Josephine Nicholson, 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 Esteva-Ingram, seconded by Senator Keesling

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____