

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Dale 103

### Call to Order

### Opening Roll Call

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

**Moment of Silence:** 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

**Approval of Minutes | October 31, 2023**

### Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:**
- **Vice Chair's Report:**
- **Secretary's Report:**

### Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:**
- **Congressional Administration:**
- **External Affairs:**
- **Human Diversity:**
- **Sustainability:**
- **University Policy:**
- **Ways and Means:**

### Liaison Reports

### Special Orders

### Student Concern Link

### Items to Be Considered

- AB-110-09 "Auxiliary Allocation 9 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)
- CB-110-20 "October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Firsch, Birch, Halsey-Kraus, Taylor)
- CB-110-21 "Expulsion Bill No. 2" (Exec, No Rec) (Berggren)
- CB-110-22 "Expulsion Bill No. 3" (Exec, No Rec) (Berggren)
- CR-110-10 "The Salute to Veterans Beyond Veterans Day Resolution." (EA, Do Pass) (Hill, Reynolds)

- CR-110-11 “Native American Heritage Month Recognition Resolution of 2023” (EA, Do Pass) (Mowdy)

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Announcements and Comments**

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn**

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
 CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX  
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
 SENATE SESSION GF23  
 November 16th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-09  
 SENATE BILL NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 9 Act of 2023-2024”

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

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Big Brothers Big Sisters Collegiate Board	650			650
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	500		75	575
Crimson Chords	700			700
Crimson Spirit	450			450
Federalist Society	1665			1665
Muslim Student Association	660			660
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	375			375
OU Equestrian Club	765.57			765.57
OU Men's Lacrosse Club	500			500
Soniyes	300			300
Soniyes		400		400
Soniyes	250			250
Students for Local Action	668.80	95		763.80
Wealth Management Club	600			600
Women's Health Advocacy	1336.22			1336.22

<b>TOTAL:</b> 9990.59
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**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 10, 2024

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

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

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF23  
November 2nd, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-20  
SENATE BILL GF23-24

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 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Justices to the Student Government Association Superior Court.
- Section 3:** In accordance with SGACA § Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for students on the court, the following students shall thus be appointed:
- Claire Grace
  - Samantha Hepburn
- Section 5:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Christopher Firsch, Student Government Association  
Chairwoman Claire Burch, SGA Graduate Student Senate  
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, SGA Undergraduate Student Congress  
Maddie Taylor, SGA General Counsel

Co-Sponsors: Chief Justice Corbin Walls, SGA Superior Court  
Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Young (61)

Action taken by Senate: motion to pass by unanimous consent

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

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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

November 7, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-21

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling a representative from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Expulsion Bill No. 1.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Akshay Singh has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, *“Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.”*
- Expulsion: Akshay Singh
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
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November 7, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling a representative from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 3."

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Harrison Carter has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "*Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*"

Expulsion: Harrison Carter

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

Author(s): Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF23  
November 16, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-10  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution Recognizing November 11<sup>th</sup> as  
Veterans Day; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 1954, Congress passed a bill that President Eisenhower signed, proclaiming November 11<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Day; and,
- Whereas: Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, whether during times of peace or war; and,
- Whereas: Last year, there were 244,334 veterans living in the state of Oklahoma<sup>1</sup>; and,
- Whereas: Out of those 244,334 veterans, approximately 104,000 have some form of service-connected disability<sup>2</sup>; and,
- Whereas: The approximate number of enrolled veterans at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus, and the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa campus, equals 1,600; and,
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma offers resources to veteran's on campus such as Veteran Student Services, which provides financial help, counseling, healthcare resources, and more; and,
- Whereas: Veterans Day is not a recognized holiday under the University of Oklahoma's calandered events or publications.

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

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<sup>1</sup> "Veterans in Oklahoma: Statistics, Rankings, and Data Trends on Population, Demographics, and More." *USAFacts*, 27 Oct. 2023, [usafacts.org/topics/veterans/state/oklahoma/#:~:text=the%20Vietnam%20era.,Veteran%20population%20of%20Oklahoma,244%2C334%20veterans%20lived%20in%20Oklahoma.](https://usafacts.org/topics/veterans/state/oklahoma/#:~:text=the%20Vietnam%20era.,Veteran%20population%20of%20Oklahoma,244%2C334%20veterans%20lived%20in%20Oklahoma.)

<sup>2</sup> *Odua and Oklaboma Veterans Commission Commend Oklaboma Senate on SB 401*, [oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/veterans/press-releases/ODVA%20Press%20Release-%20ODVA%20AND%20OKLAHOMA%20VETERANS%20COMMISSION%20COMMEND%20OKLAHOMA%20SENATE%20ON%20SB%20401.pdf](https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/veterans/press-releases/ODVA%20Press%20Release-%20ODVA%20AND%20OKLAHOMA%20VETERANS%20COMMISSION%20COMMEND%20OKLAHOMA%20SENATE%20ON%20SB%20401.pdf). Accessed 30 Oct. 2023.

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Salute to Veterans Beyond Veterans Day Resolution.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association recognizes November 11<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Day.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Asssocation encourages others to recognize veterans beyond Veterans Day.

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

- Jeff Blahnik, Vice President of Enrollment Management
- Jennifer Trimmer, OU Veteran Student Services
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Lili Hill, External Affairs Committee Local Liaison  
Michael T. Reynolds Sr., Atmospheric and Geographic Science Representative

Co-Author(s): Ellie Wolthuis, External Affairs Committee Chair

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

Submitted on a motion by:  
Action taken by Senate:  
Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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November 7, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GFXX

November 16, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-11  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of November; and,
- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is used to promote the identities and culture of Indigenous Peoples<sup>3</sup>; and,
- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is also used to educate the general public on the challenges Native peoples have faced throughout history and today; and,
- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month was first recognized by the United States federal government in 1990<sup>4</sup>; and,
- Whereas: 9.5% of the State of Oklahoma’s population identifies as American Indian and Alaskan Native; and,
- Whereas: 6.7% of the State of Oklahoma’s population identifies with Two or more races which may include American Indian and Alaskan Native; and,
- Whereas: Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander makes up 0.3% of Oklahoma’s state population<sup>5</sup>; and,
- Whereas: As of Fall 2023, The University of Oklahoma had about 29,166 students enrolled across all campuses; and,
- Whereas: 1,107 of those students identified as American Indian or Alaskan Native; and,

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<sup>3</sup> “Proclamation 6230-National American Indian Heritage Month, 1990.” Proclamation 6230-National American Indian Heritage Month, 1990 | The American Presidency Project, November 14, 1990.

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-6230-national-american-indian-heritage-month-1990>.

<sup>4</sup> Congress, The Library of, National Archives and Records Administration, National Gallery of Art, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Park Service, US Smithsonian Institution, and US Holocaust Memorial Museum. “National Native American Heritage Month.” National Native American Heritage Month. Accessed October 23, 2023. <https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about.html>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/OK/PST045222>

Whereas: 2,649 students identified as biracial which does include any American Indian students who identify as such<sup>6</sup>; and,

Whereas: 30 students identify as Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander at the University of Oklahoma; and,

Whereas: Some people of Native heritage do not specify their race when asked, and as a result, these percentages may be inaccurate; and,

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma currently resides on the traditional home of the Caddo and Wichita nations. As well as once being a part of the Muscogee Creek and Seminole nations<sup>7</sup>; and,

Whereas: Suppression, assimilation, and removal of Native Peoples and their culture were official policies by early state and federal settlement laws<sup>8</sup>; therefore

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

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Native American Heritage Month Recognition Resolution of 2023.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize the month of November as Native American Heritage Month.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor the Native American students at The University of Oklahoma in addition to their culture and heritage.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize that the University of Oklahoma resides on traditional Native American land.
- Section 5:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall condemn any laws and policies that have or currently suppressed, harmed, and/or denounced any Native peoples, as well as their culture and heritage.
- Section 6:** Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr, University of Oklahoma
  - Ryan Lee, Coordinator of American Indian Programs and Services

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<sup>6</sup> <https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/apps/5c11ff19-35c8-4516-8bfb-0135680be38e/reports/798bc348-3fb3-4e2d-8517-6834d6ea4f51/ReportSection?ctid=9c7de09d-9034-44c1-b462-c464fece204a&experience=power-bi>

<sup>7</sup> Admissions Social Links, “Land Acknowledgment,” The University of Oklahoma, accessed October 4, 2023, [https://www.ou.edu/admissions/uwc/UWC\\_Land\\_Acknowledgment](https://www.ou.edu/admissions/uwc/UWC_Land_Acknowledgment)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/immigration/native-american/removing-native-americans-from-their-land/> ; <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/dawes-act.htm#:~:text=The%20US%20government%20employed%20a,and%20ranch%20like%20white%20homesteaders.9.>

- Tana Fitzpatrick, Director of the Native Nations Center
- Gianna Sieke, Founder and President, OU Osage Club
- Emily Workman, President, OU American Indian Student Association
- Brooklyn Choate, OU Indigenous Royalty
- J-T Murray, President, Iota Gamma/Indigenous Gentlemen
- Brooklynn Eagle, Clan Mom, Gamma Delta Pi
- Reagan McGuire, President, Native American Law Student Association
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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 Ezra Koenig, SGA Member

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