

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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 | March 5, 2024

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

Committee Reports-

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- **External Affairs:**
- **Human Diversity:**
- **Sustainability:**
- **University Policy:**
- **Ways and Means:**

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- AB-111-04 "Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)
- CB-111-12 "Rod Jahromi Award Codification" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Halsey-Kraus)
- CR-111-05 "Telus About Mental Health." (COSCO, Do Pass) (Berggren)
- CR-111-06 "Women's History Month Resolution of 2024." (HD, Do Pass) (Prajapati/Ball)
- CR-111-07 "Campus Safety Resolution of 2024" (EA, Do Pass) (Halsey-Kraus/Griffin)

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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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-04
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-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 14 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
College of Law Dean’s Walking Club at the University of Oklahoma	700			700
TOTAL:				700

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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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending the Congress Bylaws to implement the Rod Jahromi award as a yearly gift to an outstanding member of the 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 “Rod Jahromi Award Codification.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to add the Rod Jahromi award as a yearly gift to an outstanding member of the body. The member shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress at the end of the Spring semester for which they are elected.

Section 3: AMMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 8 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

Section 8.4: ROD JAHROMI AWARD

1. SELECTION

a. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall select an outstanding member of the body for the academic year at the end of the Spring semester. The winner shall be chosen by a majority vote of the three officers once per year.

2. ANNOUCEMENT

a. The winner of the Rod Jahromi award shall be announced at the general body meeting following the selection of the recipient. The winner shall be announced in Special Orders.

3. AWARD

a. The monetary award associated with the Rod Jahromi award shall be gifted to the recipient following the announcement.

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

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the importance of college student’s mental health; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 2020–2021, more than 60% of students across the nation met criteria for one or more mental health diagnoses¹; and
- Whereas: Over 40% of people between the ages of 18 and 24 say mental health and emotional stress are significant barriers to attending secondary school ²; and
- Whereas: The percentage of students experiencing mental health problems has increased nearly 50% since 2013³; and
- Whereas: On February 12, 2024, the University of Oklahoma launched a partnership with Telus Health; and
- Whereas: Telus Health is a mental health service that provides access to support 24/7 which includes single sessions, short-term sessions, mental health assessments, and educational resources; and
- Whereas: There is no charge for OU students who sign up for Telus services; and

¹ Lipson, Sarah Ketchen, Sasha Zhou, Sara Abelson, Justin Heinze, Matthew Jirsa, Jasmine Morigney, Akilah Patterson, Meghna Singh, and Daniel Eisenberg. “Trends in College Student Mental Health and Help-Seeking by Race/Ethnicity: Findings from the National Healthy Minds Study, 2013–2021.” *Journal of Affective Disorders* 306 (June 2022): 138–47. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2022.03.038>.

² Cleveland Clinic. “Tested: College Students and Mental Health.” Cleveland Clinic, December 21, 2023. <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/mental-health-in-college-students>.

³ “Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience.” *Psychiatry.org - Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience*, August 15, 2023. <https://www.psychiatry.org/News-room/APA-Blogs/Fostering-College-Student-Mental-Health-and-Resili#:~:text=Mental%20health%20is%20integral%20to%20student%20success%20and,2021%2C%20according%20to%20the%20National%20College%20Health%20Assessment>.

Whereas: Services are available in languages: English, French (including Canadian French), Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish; and

Whereas: Telus services are available outside of the United States for students who travel or live outside of the states; 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 “Telus About Mental Health.”

Section 2: Upon the authorization of this resolution, the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially recognizes the University of Oklahoma Counseling Center’s efforts to provide support for student mental health.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges the importance of mental health resources for students.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes that Telus Health will provide accessible care for mental health at OU for students, greatly reducing the barriers to seeking assistance and managing their mental wellbeing effectively.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Student Government acknowledges that partnership with Telus Health helps to foster a supportive campus community, encourages proactive self-care practices for students and works to reduce future mental health crises.

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

- William Wayne, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Craig Rice, OU Chief of Medical Staff and Medical Doctor
- Scott Miller, University Counseling Center Director
- Brittany Stewart, Clinical Services Director
- Maggie Pool, Clinical Administration Director and Health Promotion Manager
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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

Co-Author(s): Marilou Bento, Undergraduate Student Congress External Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Hudson Haskins, Undergraduate Student Congress Campus, Outreach, Safety, and
Concerns Committee Chair

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance of the celebration and recognition of Women's History Month; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: In 1987, extensive support from the states led to the implementation of a special Presidential Proclamation (L.100-9) that designated the month of March as National Women's History Month⁴; and

Whereas: Women's History month is the outcome of a fundamental movement in American history, and a symbol for the continued battle towards equality for women today⁵; and

Whereas: Women continue to struggle with systematic racism and scarce representation⁶; and

Whereas: These problems lead to wage gaps between men and women, limited access to education, gender-based violence, and other prejudiced issues; and

⁴ Robinson, Cody. "A History of Women's History Month."
<https://mollybrown.org/a-history-of-womens-history-month/>

⁵ Stern, Majorie. "How To Celebrate National Women's History Month." (1998).
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED432484.pdf>

⁶ "Women's History Overview." *Women's History Overview*, LiveYourDream.org,
https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/?utm_term=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&utm_campaign=&utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=ppc&hssa_acc=3468286777&hssa_cam=1743277637&hssa_mt=b&hssa_net=adwords&hssa_src=g&hssa_ver=3&hssa_ad=691023489050&hssa_tgt=kwd-299614519814&hssa_grp=159780488398&hssa_kw=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQIA5-uuBhDzARIsAAa21T9Dx7VxXbsO0NJEjmJ9VUubSvXTTfn7zxWMeBJeGgf5_Eljn0iYUdW0aAm7pEALw_wcB

- Whereas: Women’s History Month seeks to commemorate and encourage educational pursuits, awareness, and celebration surrounding the essential role that women have played in American history; and
- Whereas: March 8th is annually recognized as International Women’s Day, a globally recognized holiday that seeks to celebrate women’s achievements and take steps toward creating a world free of gender bias; and
- Whereas: As of Fall 2022, the University of Oklahoma has a total undergraduate enrollment of 21,294, with a gender distribution of 49% Male students and 51% Female students; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a total graduate enrollment of 3,261, with a gender distribution of 48% Male students and 52% Female students⁷; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma was named the Nation’s best employer for women by Forbes in 2023⁸; and
- Whereas: From 2020 to 2021, The University of Oklahoma awarded 564 bachelor’s degrees in engineering, of which approximately 74% were awarded to men and 26% to women⁹; and
- Whereas: As of 2017, the University of Oklahoma only had approximately 17% female students enrolled in both Aviation and Finance¹⁰; and
- Whereas: Gender disparity in areas such as Engineering, Aviation, Continuing Education, and Finance is exemplary of the University of Oklahoma’s need for Women’s History Month recognition and celebration¹¹; and

⁷ USNews. “University of Oklahoma Student Life,” n.d. <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-oklahoma-3184/student-life>.

⁸ [www.ou.edu. “Forbes Names OU the Nation’s No. 1 Employer for Women,” July 26, 2023. https://www.ou.edu/news/articles/2023/july/forbes-names-ou-the-nations-number-1-employer-for-women.](https://www.ou.edu/news/articles/2023/july/forbes-names-ou-the-nations-number-1-employer-for-women)

⁹ [www.collegefactual.com. “The Engineering Major at University of Oklahoma Norman Campus.” Accessed March 6, 2024. https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/academic-life/academic-majors/engineering/.](https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/academic-life/academic-majors/engineering/)

¹⁰ https://ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/fact-book-2023/23_5_7_Avia_Demo_Pgm.pdf

¹¹ Pike, Hannah . “OU’s Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality.” OU Daily, March 24, 2017. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-e3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about.

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 “Women’s History Month Resolution of 2024.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of March as Women’s History Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to use the month of March to learn about Women’s History to foster a better environment for women on campus.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
- Dr. Erin Simpson, Gender and Equality Center Director, OU Advocates Coordinator & Assistant Dean of Students
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

Author(s): Associate Himani Prajapati
Associate Reese Ball

Co-Author(s): Marilou Bento, Chair of External Affairs

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-07
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: Firearms on campus have a chilling effect on associational freedoms and harm the University's compelling interest in free academic discourse¹²; and
- Whereas: Oklahoma has a gun violence death rate of 20.1 per 100,00, with the national average of 14.4 per 100,000 persons¹³; and
- Whereas: Oklahoma has the 13th highest rate of gun violence in the U.S.¹⁴; and
- Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma state law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus gun carry; and
- Whereas: In the present legislative session, no bills have been introduced to change current regulations regarding weapons on campus, despite efforts in past legislative sessions; 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 "Campus Safety Resolution of 2024."

¹² Shaundra K Lewis, *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 Iowa L. Rev. 2109 (2017).

¹³ "Gun Laws in Oklahoma," Everytown Research & Policy (Everytown Research & Policy, January 4, 2024), <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/state/oklahoma/>.

¹⁴ EveryStat, *Gun Violence in Oklahoma*, <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gun-Violence-in-Oklahoma-1.pdf> (last visited Feb. 18, 2023) (compiling data from the Center for Disease Control Wide-Ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research).

Section 2: The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority to students and 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 law 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 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

Section 4: 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 Nathaniel Tarver

Author(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Weslie Griffin, Member of SGA

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