THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CXVI
General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Dale Hall, Room 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 20, 2026
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
- SGA Presidential Candidate Presentations and Questioning

Student Concerns
- Link to Campus Concern Form: https://cglink.me/27E/s208

Old Business
Items to Be Considered
- CB-116-12 "Committee Chair Duty Realignment Act" (Frehde/Fernstrom) (Due Pass)
- CB-116-13 "Session 116 Expulsion Bill No. 1" (Le) (No Rec)
- CR-116-10 "Diwali Recognition Resolution of 2026" (Demla/Popal) (Due Pass)

Announcements and Comments
Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Coleman Morgan
Vice Chair: Owen Cunningham
Secretary: Cai Le

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Realigning Committee Chair Duties; 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 "Committee Chair Duty Realignment Act"

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to realign the duties born by committee chairs, more specifically, simplifying the wording of required coordination with corresponding executive directors to remove any confusion of responsibilities.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws §6.1 and §6.4 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 6.1: STANDING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

The seven (7) standing committees (also referenced in these Bylaws as "committees") and their responsibilities shall be as follows:

2. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
    a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The External Affairs Committee shall address issues concerning the local, state, and federal levels of government. The Committee shall strive to improve the relationship of SGA and of the University with the city and state governments. The Committee shall aim to improve civic engagement among the undergraduate student body.
    b. COMMITTEE CHAIR The Committee Chair shall work ~~with the Director of the Department of the Exterior in the Executive branch~~ to coordinate SGA-wide programs and events including but not limited to Higher Education Day and voter registration drives.
3. HUMAN DIVERSITY
    a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The Human Diversity Committee shall address any and all issues related to diversity issues within the University of Oklahoma. The Committee

shall advocate for policies within the University and within SGA that promote inclusivity and equality.

b. COMMITTEE CHAIR The Committee Chair shall work ~~with the Director of the Department of Inclusivity in the Executive branch~~ to coordinate SGA-wide efforts related to Inclusivity.

5. SUSTAINABILITY
    a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The Sustainability Committee shall address any and all issues environmental sustainability within SGA, at the University, or among the undergraduate student body. The Committee shall strive to improve environmental consciousness among the undergraduate student body and shall advocate for environmentally conscious policies at the University. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring environmental RSO's compliance with the SGA Code Annotated, as well as be the primary point of contact for these organizations. The Committee shall also ensure that environmental RSOs communicate effectively with each other regarding events and projects.
    b. COMMITTEE CHAIR The Sustainability Committee Chair shall ~~be required to attend monthly Student Environmental Council Meetings. If the Sustainability Committee Chair cannot attend, they shall find a member of the Sustainability Committee to attend in their place.~~ work to promote SGA-wide sustainability efforts including but not limited to trash and confetti cleanup walks.
6. UNIVERSITY POLICY
    a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The University Policy Committee shall address all student concerns arising from university policies, programs or initiatives, or the lack thereof. The committee shall research best practices employed by peer institutions, innovative solutions, and the latest scientific and social science research to draft resolutions to the University administration recommending new policies or reforms of existing policies.
    b. COMMITTEE CHAIR The Committee Chair ~~shall coordinate efforts with the Director of the Department of the Interior in the Executive Branch and~~ shall stay up to date on the projects and initiatives of peer institutions' student governments.

Section 6.4: COMMITTEE OFFICERS

1. OFFICERS ESTABLISHED. Each committee shall have a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary as its officers.
    a. COMMITTEE CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES
        x. The Committee Chair shall coordinate with the corresponding director in the executive branch to complete SGA-wide projects.

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

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Co-Sponsor(s): Mercer Martin, Student Government Association President

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress
Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-13

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling members 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 "Session 116 Expulsion Bill No. 1"

Section 2: The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive unexcused absences. Leo Carter, Annabelle Castillo, Estrella Quinones, Kase Williams, Elle Cummings, and Jackson Vella have accrued excessive unexcused absences; the membership of the aforementioned are pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "*Upon accruing a fourth 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: Leo Carter, Annabelle Castillo, Estrella Quinones, Kase Williams, Elle Cummings, Jackson Vella

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

Author(s): Cai Le, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 29, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-10
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-18

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the religious and cultural significance of Diwali, acknowledging the traditions and values associated with its celebration, and providing for its distribution.

Whereas: Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a religious and cultural holiday observed by Hindu, Jain, Sikh, and some Buddhist communities around the world[1].

Whereas: Diwali symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, while holding distinct religious meanings around the communities that celebrate it[2].

Whereas: Diwali is traditionally celebrated through the lighting of oil lamps, decorating homes, sharing sweets, wearing traditional clothing, and gathering with family and friends[3].

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma's India Student Association hosts an annual Diwali celebration, providing students with an opportunity to celebrate the holiday and share its cultural traditions with the broader university community[4].

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[1] Howard Kaplan, "Diwali: The Festival of Lights," Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art, November 14, 2012, https://asia.si.edu/whats-on/blog/posts/diwali-the-festival-of-lights/.

[2] Debbie Schaefer-Jacobs, "Illuminating Thoughts for the Holidays," Smithsonian National Museum of American History, December 20, 2023, https://americanhistory.si.edu/explore/stories/illuminating-thoughts-holidays.

[3] Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, "Easy Homemade Sweets for Diwali," *Pickles and Tea*, November 10, 2015, https://apa.si.edu/picklesandtea/easy-homemade-sweets-for-diwali/.

[4] https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-india-student-association-diwali-night-celebration-music-dance-food/article_c11a7db6-9c5d-11ef-871b-7b9cb2b9d09d.html

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 "Diwali Recognition Resolution of 2026."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize November 8th, 2026, as Diwali.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize that Diwali is an internationally celebrated holiday, focusing on the triumph of Dharma over Adharma, light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to participate in Diwali Night, hosted by the India Student Association on November 13th, 2026, as well as other events thrown by cultural organizations on campus celebrating Diwali.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life Office and Assistant Dean of Students
- Saliha Panjwani, Caitlin Varghese, Co-Presidents of the India Student Association
- Preet Damani, President of the South Asian Student Association
- 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:
Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____