

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXVI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Dale Hall, Room 103

Call to Order 7:02 PM

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 | September 8, 2026

On a motion to approve the minutes Toyos Perez seconded by Cox

Officer Reports

- **Chair's Report:** Hi everybody, it is great to see a packed room in Dale 103. It's nice to see this. It's been a little sparse the last couple of weeks, so I'm excited to see all our new associates and representatives in here. We've got a pretty busy meeting. We got about five bills. It shouldn't take too long. Again, thank you for being here. I wanted to update you guys a little bit regarding the situation with our holiday recommendation from last semester. I will say that the provost's office has reached out to SGA leaders, and they have officially selected the Friday before OU Texas as our unofficial holiday, but they have also instructed all deans of colleges to have very much a lot of leniency regarding Election Day absences. So that is something that Congress leadership, as well as I'm sure the exec branch and other branches of SGA, are going to continue to work towards getting students' excused absences on Election Day, so that is a project we're going to continue working on. I'm excited to see you all here.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Evening, everyone! Good to see most of y'all I recently interviewed, and then a lot of very familiar faces at this point. Orientation will be Sunday the 20th from 11 to about 3:30 or so, and there will be more details on that to follow in a very long, very nice email so please check your email in the coming days.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone! It's nice to see everyone. Nothing new for me to report. Just if you're going to be absent from a meeting, please email me 24 hours in advance. Thank you.

Committee Reports

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hi everyone, for those of you guys who don't know me, my name is Harry. I'm the COSCO chair; that's the Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Committee. We do light walks and a bunch of other really cool stuff. This week we did meet officially, and we gave 2 bills a recommendation of due pass, CR 116-01 and CR 116-02. They

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were both for honoring the gymnastics team for their national championship and the baseball team as well. I hope to get to know every one of you.

- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone. I'm Alex Toyos. I am serving as the ConAd chair this semester which is congressional administration. We had the pleasure of interviewing you guys all this weekend. We gave CB 116-05 a recommendation of no rec. I want to introduce my new executive team, so if I can have a drum roll, please. My new vice chair is Max Fredhe. My new secretary is Julia Yurchenko.
- **External Affairs:** Hi y'all, I'm Madi. I'm serving as your EA chair for this semester which is External Affairs. We are in charge of things with voting, things off campus, things with government officials. Happy National Voter Registration Day to everyone who celebrates. This week we met officially, we gave CR 116-03 a rec of due pass. A little heads up we're gonna have an event with college Dems and college Republicans and OK votes for Cyndi Munson on September 23rd where you can ask for questions, learn about her campaign. The date with Mr. Mike was to be determined we are still discussing with his team. We get to work with Higher Ed Day and we're really pushing that election day absence project which we're working with the board of Regents. Then, I also have a new exec team, Sam and Kyla.
- **Human Diversity:** Hi everyone. My name's Lorelai. I am your Human Diversity Committee Chair. Human Diversity kind of self-explanatory; we deal with all issues relating human diversity on our campus, making sure that this university properly serves all students from all sorts of diverse backgrounds. You'll hear more in committee presentations if you're a new member during your orientation time. This weekend we met officially. We gave CR 116-04 a recommendation of due pass that is the National Suicide Prevention Month resolution. We do have my new Vice Chair which is Sitara Popal. Congratulations. Human Diversity secretary position is still open and I will resend that link in the GroupMe. It'll close Thursday night, so all new members who are interested in Human Diversity committee, you are encouraged and welcome to apply for that. It's a great way to just dive right in if that's something that you are interested in doing. I'll send that out once everyone's in the GroupMe.
- **Sustainability:** Hello everyone. Sustainability committee is we did an unofficial meeting over Sunday just talking about volunteer opportunities that are coming up. You'll hear more about that during orientation. I do also want to say that we have a vice chair now, Josh Sterling, so after orientation if you guys are interested, come talk to me.
- **University Policy:** Hello everyone I'm Dylan. I'll be serving as your University Policy chair. We met unofficially last Sunday and had one person so if you want to join UPOL, please do. I have no exec positions, so I'll be sending out the vice chair and secretary links again and GroupMe soon.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi everyone I'm your Ways and Means committee. For those who don't know that's basically the SGA budgetary committee, where our primary function is to allocate money to organizations across campus. We met officially on Sunday with a rather diminished group like everyone. However, we made kind of a road map for the next couple of weeks where we'll review a funding application after orientation next week, so if you're interested to see how that works, come to our committee because our committee is the best committee. Then the week after, we'll begin reviewing real aux applications. For those I mentioned this last meeting but there are plenty of new people here, if you're in an RSO or you're a member of RSO, and they haven't applied for aux yet, aux is open. George sent a mass email with the instructions on how to do that, but if you have any questions, email sgabudget.edu.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- President Mercer Martin—Mental Health Week

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Student Concerns
Old Business
Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-116-05 Representative Radzakovski seconded by Representative Wick

- CB-116-05 “Session CXVI General Application Appointment Act” (Toyos Perez) (No Rec)

Author’s Explanation:

- **Representative Toyos Perez:** Hi everyone, this is the general appointment act, so this gets all your lovely faces confirmed in Congress. We went through an application and interview phase; the interviews were conducted by me, our Vice Chair Owen, and our Secretary Cai. I’m really excited, so part of it is appointing new associates for the body, and that appointment will last all the way through next August, whenever you have to reapply again. Then these representative seats that are getting reappointed will serve as temporary seat fills until our election in the fall. So if you’re getting appointed once we pass this, I put it in your email, but you will only hold this seat until the election results are confirmed later in like, October or November.

7:12 time remaining for questions

- **Associate Fredhe:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to add Bryelle Giorgi, Trenton DeClaire, Shaza Ahmad, Quinn Leos, and Lucas VaClaw to section 3?
 - **Representative Toyos:** Yes.
- **Associate Fredhe:** Would you accept another friendly amendment to move Lilith Thompson under section 3 to section 4 under Arts and Sciences?
 - **Representative Toyos:** Yes.
- **Representative Cox:** What was the interview process like? How many did you interview and how many are on this bill right now?
 - **Representative Toyos:** I know the bill itself has 71 members getting appointed on it. The interview process again was me, Cai, and Owen. We interviewed Friday night and all day Saturday. I believe we had roughly 101 applicants. Some of them were appointed last week as our returning associate members. We didn’t quite interview all of them, some of them didn’t sign up and some didn’t show up and other reasons as well.
- **Representative Radzanowski:** What was your scoring system like and how did you choose these numbers?
 - **Representative Toyos:** Our rating, it had multiple sections to it, so we looked at passion, cause and personality. Then we rated those on a 1 through 5 system and then each question individually, both your application and your interview questions were also rated from 1-5.
- **Representative Wick:** Are there any further rep seats that are still vacant after this bill?
 - **Representative Toyos:** There’s a pre-health seat open.
 - **Chair Morgan:** There are a few. We didn’t get any applications for exploratory district. Exploratory district is housed by university college students. It literally doesn’t exist anymore. So that’s not a seat we’re able to fill. I think we have one pre-health science seat still. I think we are at 40 out of 45 representative seats filled right now.
- **Representative Wintory:** Would you clarify the qualities you’re looking for to fulfill the personality grading requirement?

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- **Representative Toyos Perez:** I would say interviews can sometimes be nerve-wracking, but just looking past the jitters and, like, what do you bring, like, as a person to the body. So not accolades necessarily, just it kind of goes with that passion.
- **Secretary Le:** I know that interviews are really nerve-wracking, but I feel like how your personality comes across can be really seen in an interview in a way, and how well the conversation flows, of you just being polite, showing up on time, and then answering the questions that keep it formal because they are formal interviews, but knowing that we are looking past the jitters. It came down to that we're looking for people that are excited to be in the body and can tell, even if you're nervous, you're excited to be there.
- **Representative Toyos Perez:** You're excited to be there for your interview, you're excited to show up, and you're excited when you got that email from me at 9 am.

Passed unanimously 17-0-0

On a motion to recess for 5 minutes, Representative Wintory seconded Representative Toyos

On a motion to see CR-116-01 Baker seconded by Bregnard

- CR-116-01 "Honoring the 2026 NCAA National Champions University of Oklahoma Women's Gymnastics Team) (Martin/Nicholson/Christiansen/Powers) (Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

- **President Martin:** Long time no see, guys. Congratulations to all the newly appointed associates and reps. So exciting. This bill is honoring the University of Oklahoma's women's gymnastics team. Here at OU we believe in excellence in everything we do in government, academics, and our athletics. We feel that we should honor that huge achievement. We now have 47 overall national titles across all our sports, and I feel like we as a student government should show our support for the women's gymnastics and all the effort they do and all the medals they've brought home.
- **Vice President Nicholson:** OU Women's gymnastics, they are awesome; they show excellence in everything they do, and we're so proud of them and everything they were able to bring to OU. I'm Joey Nicholson, the SGA Vice President.

5:00 time remaining for questions

- **Representative Cox:** Out of the 4 events in gymnastics, what would you say is your favorite event?
 - **Vice President Nicholson:** The bars are so fun to watch with all of the crazy things people do there, and just the pure athleticism it takes to compete in gymnastics in any form is like crazy to me.
 - **President Martin:** I'm going to say floor because I think them getting to choose, like the music and how to dance to it is too awesome. People put so much of their personality in it, I've seen a cultural music mix-up next to a Taylor Swift one, and they are equally cool but in different ways. So I just love watching them with their minds and, like what they can physically do.
- **Associate Fredhe:** What's your favorite move to do in gymnastics, and are you willing to perform it?

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- **President Martin:** I used to do gymnastics, and I did the bars, and I catapulted myself into a trash can full of chalk. Then I quit gymnastics the next day, so for the gymnastics move I can watch them and 0 moves I'm willing to do.
- **Vice President Nicholson:** I can do like stuff you can imagine gymnastics-wise, like backflips, all the things, but I'm just not willing to do it right now.

Passed unanimously 32-0-0

On a motion to see CR-116-02, Representative Wick seconded by Representative Callahan

- CR-116-02 "Honoring the 2026 NCAA National Champions University of Oklahoma Men's Baseball Team (Martin/Nicholson/Christiansen/Powers) (Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

- **President Martin:** Thank you, guys we are back again. I appreciate the votes on the other bill. This is in the same spirit. I know when I watched it, Cinderella story, and it was kind of awesome. Again, just to congratulations for the amazing Men's Baseball team and all the hard work they put in.
- **Vice President Nicholson:** They did something nobody thought they could do. They showed a true underdog and sooner spirit and we're so proud of them. It was so fun to watch over the summer.

7:35 time remaining for questions

Passed unanimously 32-0-0

On a motion to see CR 116-03, Representative Baker seconded Representative Pasupathy

- CR-116-03 "National Voter Registration Day Resolution" (Sneller) (Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

- **Representative Sneller:** This is a resolution recognizing National Voter Registration Day, which is today. We got this resolution out as soon as we could. We had an official meeting because we wanted it to come out earlier today, but today was the most convenient day. National Voter Registration Day is extremely important. Last year, it had the highest voter registration of any day. We work with OK Votes to table all across campus, make sure we get lots of voter registration on campus because right now our age group for college students is the lowest voter turnout, but if we all turned out and voted, we would have the highest voter turnout.

7:19 time remaining for questions

- **Representative Bregnard:** What was your favorite part about writing this resolution?
 - **Representative Sneller:** The statistics. That's my favorite part about writing every single bill and resolution I see. You learn so much when you write a bill, especially bills for, like, HD or EA. They're really fun, just statistic bills.
- **Representative Toyos Perez:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to turn this into a joint resolution so that the graduate student senate can see it as well?
 - **Representative Sneller:** Yes.
- **Representative Wintory:** Would you be willing to add me as a co-sponsor?

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- **Representative Sneller:** Yes.

Passed 33-1-0

On a motion to see CR-116-04 Representative Toyos Perez seconded by Representative Sneller

- CR-116-04 “National Suicide Prevention Month Resolution Act” (Radzanowski) (Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

- **Representative Radzanowski:** Hi everyone. My name is Lorelai. I serve once again as human diversity chair. We wanted to kick off our session by writing this very hard piece of legislation. September is national suicide prevention month. Thank you so much to Mercer for that beautiful presentation earlier. Just recognizing a lot of the events happening this week, specifically through OU. A couple of other things I personally wanted to highlight is September 10th being World Suicide Prevention Day and September 8th is 988 Day. 988 is the national suicide hotline; it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 34. Mental health struggles impact over a third of our age group. So it is very important to prioritize mental health and to know resources for mental health because odds are someone in your life has struggled with their mental health at some point or will struggle, and being able to be someone who is prepared for resources is incredibly important.
- **Representative Thompson:** My name is Lilith. Some statistics are that mental health emergencies have affected mostly minority communities, such as the LGBTQ + communities and teen girls, and these specific communities are 2.5 times more likely to attempt suicide, and specifically statistics related to Oklahoma. Native Americans ages 10 to 24 are the highest demographic groups to commit suicide. Especially since we will have Veterans Day in the future in November, military and veterans suicide rates are about 1.5 times the national average.

6:00 time remaining for questions

- **Representative Popal:** What was most impactful thing about researching this resolution?
 - **Representative Radzanowski:** I think the most impactful thing for me was the statistics on how many people in our age group struggle with their mental health. We hear a lot in the media about kind of inflation about how people perceive mental health to be, but the statistics show it’s inflation. It’s really impacting our age group, especially now. So I think just hearing the statistics and thinking about how that applies to my relationships and my life was something really impactful to take in.
 - **Representative Thompson:** For me, something that I learned about writing this resolution was the American, Indian, and Alaskan Native youth age. I myself am Native American. I am Cherokee. I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. So I see a lot of what is happening within my community here in Oklahoma. I see those issues, and so this resolution is very important to me because there are community members who are struggling with their mental health in my community, and I want to be able to help support them.
- **Representative Toyos:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to make this a joint resolution instead so GSS can see it too?
 - **Representative Radzanowski:** Yes.

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Passed unanimously 34-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- **Chair Coleman:** QR codes for GroupMe to send important announcements and updates and CSP opportunities throughout the year. Also, scan this one as well for our Engage page. The last QR code is for my email list so I can send you guys emails to the right email. Everybody, please do this. Congratulations to our new reps and associates. Reps, you're able to vote on these bills, but associates, you're able to ask questions in here but not make motions or vote on bills. You will be able to do that in your committees, which you will get sorted out this Sunday after orientation. Coming to general body is still very important; you get these updates and all the bills that pass through here and are able to ask our authors questions and have real input into our discussions and votes.
- **Election Commissioner Wong:** Hi guys, I am Andy and I am your Election Commissioner. Sending the election timeline, important dates, and important reminders for the fall semester for holding potential elections. If you are interested in running, you will need 500 signatures to qualify for the ballot, and if you want to get started right away which you can, I would highly encourage you not to wait until the last minute to do these. My email is elections@ou.edu.
- **Representative Radzanowski:** HD secretary applications are still open and will close Thursday at midnight. I will send out the link to the GroupMe.
- **Representative Bass:** While we are on the sensitive topic of National Suicide Prevention Month, I would like to remind everyone of the wonderful resources we do have available to students on campus. We do have our timely care, which is a 24/7 hotline and chat room that you can use if you find yourself in need of some support. We also have wonderful counselors at the University Counseling Center located at Goddard Health. Also, if in law college, Dodge, or engineering there are integrated counselors specifically in those colleges for students who need extra assistance and do not be afraid to reach out to those resources.
- **Representative Wintory:** Thank you everyone, for those tabling OKC votes and NVRD. If you're not and would like to be registered stop by Monet Hall OK Votes.
- **Representative Fisher:** Engineering Club is hosting alumni guest speaker during its career fair week, companies are coming out, and this is one you can network with. In the e-quad across from the union. This weekend for the game, Engineering Club is also hosting a tailgate, we cook burgers and we serve them. Located near Carson.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn bass seconded by Fisher

Adjourn 7:52 PM

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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

September 15th, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-05

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing
Representatives and Associates in the SGA Undergraduate
Student Congress; 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 CXVI General Application Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a).

Section 3: APPOINTMENT: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

- Maximilian Frehde
- Jumeirah Newaz
- Julia Yurchenko
- Angel Martinez
- Ben Gula
- Rahma Ahmad
- Jaxson Vella
- Alex Roman
- Ember Duffy
- Fathiyah Ayodele
- Bailey McMillin
- Aysel Samadi
- Aaron John
- Olivia Andrews
- Allie Smith
- Blake Lee Green
- Jope Iluyomade
- Ailina McAdaragh
- Ben Cox

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- Omar Serje
- Philip Joseph
- Zandel Tramel
- Bennett Morris
- Serenity Stanton
- Ellie Johnson
- Christian Loper
- Regina Cadena
- Grier Determan
- Ammar Pasha
- Sadie Duffield
- KB Beck
- Nikolas White
- Mackenzie Foster
- Mattie Huffman
- Quentin Hubner
- Amber Broussard
- Ali Rizvi
- Miley Winter
- LeAnna Branham
- Bridget Stein
- Layla Broeker
- Maddy McMillin
- Lucy Perez
- Drew Kenney
- Emma Seager
- Georgia Pierce
- Elle Cummings
- Jayden Southerland
- Bryelle Giorgi
- Trenton DeClaire
- Shaza Ahmad
- Quinn Leos
- Lucas VaClaw

Section 4: APPOINTMENT: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

- **Arts & Sciences District**
Jayden Bass
Sam Bregnard
Lizzie Grounds

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Sitara Popal
Madilynn Sneller
Zayd Taariq
Carson Veenestra
Lilith Thompson

- **Business District**
Kross Brown
Lungiselwe Dlamini
- **Engineering District**
Finn Altaf
Olivia Matlock
Josh Sterling
Hannah Voyles
- **Journalism and Mass Communication District**
Sara Robinson
Gianna Zwanziger
- **Pre-Health Sciences District**
Anabelle Castillo
Julie Vo

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

Author(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Co-Author(s): Owen Cunningham, Congress Vice Chair
Cai Le, Congress Secretary

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Radzanowski seconded by Representative Wick

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 17-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXF-XX/GSXX-XX

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

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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 Womens 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

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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:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-02
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXF-XX/GSXX-XX

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:

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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:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-03

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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 vote; and ¹
- Whereas: National Voter Registration Day is recognized across the country and endorsed by nonpartisan bodies including the U.S. Election Assistance Commission; and ²
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma hosts nonpartisan civic engagement efforts through initiatives like Oklahoma Votes to encourage student voter education and registration; ³

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: Higher education institutions serve as essential access points for young voters, helping college students navigate residency requirements, address updates, and absentee voting; and
- 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 elections; and ⁴
- 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

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.

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

- 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

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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:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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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 week¹; and
- Whereas: 3 in 4 people who contact 9-8-8 report receiving the support they need²; 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 year³; 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 years³; 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 suicide³; and
- Whereas: American Indian and Alaska Native youth aged 10-24 have the highest rate of suicide of all demographic groups⁴; 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 lives⁵; 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

To request accommodations, please contact Congress@ou.edu prior to the meeting.

Whereas: Out of the Darkness Walks are hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Norman's Walk is to be hosted September 27⁶; 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 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 University campus.

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

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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:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

¹ "Promote National Suicide Prevention Month." 988 Lifeline. <https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/>.

² "Suicide Prevention Month." *National Alliance on Mental Illness*. 2026, <https://www.nami.org/stay-connected/events/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-month/>.

³ "Mental Health and Suicide Statistics." *The Jed Foundation*. December 2025, <https://jedfoundation.org/mental-health-and-suicide-statistics/>.

⁴ "Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities." *National Alliance on Mental Illness*. 2026, <https://www.nami.org/community-and-culture/indigenous/suicide-prevention-in-indigenous-communities/>.

⁵ "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&gclid=CjwKCAjwqonVBhA4EiwA9wYj3TjpB8AvmuckeyLIZ05Ov7RO58CKFD1MJ5jp2IA1H-97rXW9yY1wvthxoCirMQAvD_BwE.

⁶ "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/>.