

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

February 07th, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/94328421969?pwd=OT1CRTkyRVNlQTEvU2tCQUszZUINUT09>

Call to Order

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Officer Reports:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs
- Development & Philanthropy
- External Affairs
- Human Diversity
- Internal Affairs
- Public Relations
- Sustainability
- Ways and Means

Special Orders:

- GS21-01 Big XII, BIG Responsibilities Act of 2020
- GS21-02 Fall 2020 Special Election for the Academic District Range Amendment Act of 2020
- GS21-03 Chief of Staff appointment Adjustment Act of 2021
- GS21-04 Act Appointing the Spring 2021 SGA Election Commissioner 2.0
- GS21-05 Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2020-2021
- GS21-06 Auxiliary Allocation 11 Act of 2020-2021
- GS21-07 Senate Elections and Selections Act
- GS21-08 Extension of Consistency in Law Act

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV
October 27, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 07, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-23
SENATE BILL GS21-01

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation establishing the Vice Chair of the Student Government Association as the official Big XII Coordinator; 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 “Big XII, BIG Responsibilities Act of 2020.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish the Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress as the head of the OU delegation at Big XII SGA conferences.
- Section 3:** The Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress shall be the point of contact for all Big XII Universities. The Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress will oversee the OU delegation when traveling to other Universities and will take charge in planning the Big XII conferences when hosted by the University of Oklahoma.
- Section 4:** The Vice-Chair shall work in tandem with the Director of the Department of the Exterior in the Executive Branch and the Chairs of the External Affairs Committees in the Legislative Branch to prepare for the two conferences.
- Section 5:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution, and be nullified one (1) year after passage.

Author(s): Savanah Patterson, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Justin Norris, SGA President
Dalton Gau, SGA Vice President

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Nath seconded by Representative Marvin

Action taken by Congress: 26-0-0

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
November 10, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 07, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-25
SENATE BILL NO. GS21-02

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation
establishing a special election for a
Constitutional Amendment; providing for
distribution; 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 “Fall 2020 Special Election for the Academic District Range Amendment Act of 2020”

Section 2: Purpose: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s (UOSGA) Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate passed the “Academic District Range Amendment of 2020” (CB-103-30, GS20-22). The amendment was passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each House of the Legislative Branch in accordance with the Constitution, and now requires a vote by the whole SGA.

Section 3: An election for the “Academic District Range Amendment of 2020” shall be established one (1) academic week after the passing and signing of this bill. Voting for this election shall occur exclusively over Engage on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the week.

Section 4: This act shall be effective when passed when in accordance with the UOSGA Constitution.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
• Peyton Nees, Election Chair

Author(s): Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Vice Chair
Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair
Savanah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Nath

Action taken by Congress: 26-1-1

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV
February 02, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 07, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-06
SENATE BILL NO. GS 21-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation adjusting the Chief of Staff appointment process; 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 “Chief of Staff Appointment Adjustment Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to change the process of appointing the Chief of Staff; since Chiefs of Staff are traditionally the known by the President and Vice President-Elect before their swearing in.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: SGA Code Annotated § Title I, Section 2, Subsection 9 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strikethrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

With the exception of the Chief of Staff, all ~~all~~ appointments to High Offices shall be made through an open and competitive application process. The application process for all appointed High Offices (~~excluding Chief of Staff~~) made by the executive branch, legislative branch, or judicial branch, of the Student Government Association must be advertised through at least four of the following prior to the application due date:

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

Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): ~~Chairwoman Melissa Maxey, Graduate Student Senate
President Tavana Farzaneh, Student Government Association;
Vice President Alex Gray, Student Government Association;
Interim-Chief of Staff Cricket Kaya; and
Coy Taylor, Associate~~

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Esmeraldo

Action taken by Congress: 35-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Signed by the President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX
Month DD, YYYY

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 07, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL GS21-04

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the Spring 2021 SGA
Election Commissioner; 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 “Act Appointing the Spring 2021 SGA Election Commissioner 2.0.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Spring 2021 Election Commissioner following the resignation of the 2020 – 2021 Election Commissioner.

Section 3: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for the chair position, the following student shall thus be appointed:

- TBD

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

Author(s): Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President
Alex Gray, SGA Vice President
Cricket Kaya, SGA Interim Chief of Staff

Co-Author(s): Melissa Maxey, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
February 2nd, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 7th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-105-02
SENATE BILL NO. GS21-05

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2020-2021 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 10 Act of 2020-2021”
- 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
Crimson Spirit	400			400
Minority Women’s Conference	200			200
TOTAL:				600

- 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 7, 2021
- Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2021, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.
- Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Morse seconded by Representative Grebe

Action taken by Student Congress: 36-0-0

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
February 07th, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-07

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act of Procedure amending the
Graduate Student Senate Bylaws; providing short title; and
providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1: Title: This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Senate Elections and Selections Act.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide revised policies and procedures affecting representation, extending to membership, departmental authority, senatorial terms, and methods of selection.
- Section 3: AMENDATORY: All text from Section 2, Subsection A of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be removed in its entirety.
- Section 4: AMENDATORY: Section 2, Subsection A of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be replaced by the following.

Section 2. Representation

- A. MEMBERSHIP. Any Graduate Student within any Department shall be eligible for service in the Graduate Student Senate. Each Department shall be represented by no more than two Senators. These Senators shall be Graduate Students within that Department and shall only represent the interests of those Graduate Students in that Department.
- B. AUTHORITY. The Graduate Students of each Department shall have the sole authority to select among themselves representatives that will serve as Senators in the Graduate Student Senate.
1. It is at the discretion of the Graduate Students within a Department the number of Senators that shall represent a Department in the Graduate Student Senate. Graduate Students within a Department may provide two (2), one (1), or no Senators to the Graduate Student Senate.
 2. If any Department so elects to provide no Senator to the Graduate Student Senate, it shall forfeit its right to representation and shall be placed in Bad Standing at the conclusion of a one-month term following the first meeting of a new Senate Session.
 3. The Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall not represent a Department and shall not at any point be counted toward the number of Senators allotted to any Department.

- C. TERM. Senators shall serve for a term of one (1) academic year.
1. A senatorial term, however, will not commence until a Senator has issued a Senate Credential Form and Senator Responsibility Statement to the Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate.
 - a. Senators may serve consecutive or later terms in the Graduate Student Senate. If a Senator shall serve additional terms, that senatorial term will not commence until that Senator again issues a Senate Credential Form and Senator Responsibility Statement to the Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate.
 2. Concurrently, a Senator must also furnish to the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate an official document drafted by the Graduate Liaison and Endorsed by the Graduate Students of a Department providing the Selection Method employed by the Department and the results thereof.
- D. SELECTION METHOD. Senators may only be provided to the Graduate Student Senate by one of the Selection Methods provided herein:
1. ELECTION. Senators may be elected to the Graduate Student Senate.
 - a. The Graduate Students of a Department shall have the sole authority to prescribe the date, time, and method of election by which they may select a Graduate Student within the Department to serve as a Senator.
 2. APPOINTMENT. Senators may be appointed to the Graduate Student Senate.
 - a. The Graduate Liaison of a Department may appoint a Graduate Student within the Department to serve as a Senator, provided that the Graduate Students within the Department furnish their approval of the Senator Appoint.
 - b. The Graduate Liaison of a Department may appoint a Graduate Student within the Department by any of the following:
 - i. The Graduate Liaison of a Department may construct and distribute a survey containing the name or names of a Senator Appoint or Senator Appoints to the Graduate Students of the Department. The name of a Senator Appoint may be accompanied by a photographic image of the Senator Appoint and a personal statement of no more than 150 words.
 - ii. The Graduate Liaison of a Department shall distribute some digital communication (such as e-mail or like method) containing the name or names of a Senator Appoint or Senator Appoints to the Graduate Students of the Department. The name of a Senator Appoint may be accompanied by a photographic image of the Senator Appoint and a personal statement of no more than 150 words.
 - iii. The Graduate Liaison of a Department shall distribute by any other like means the name or names of a Senator

Appoint or Senator Appoints to the Graduate Students of the Department.

- c. If a Department contains less than one hundred (100) Graduate Students, a Senator Appoint may only be deemed approved by the Graduate Students of a Department if not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Graduate Students within the Department consent to the appointment. At no point shall the inaction or silence of a Graduate Student as to a Senator Appoint be construed as approval of the Senator Appoint.
 - d. If a Department contains more than one hundred (100) Graduate Students, a Senator Appoint may only be deemed approved by the Graduate Students of a Department if not less than thirty percent (30%) of the total number of Graduate Students within the Department consent to the appointment. At no point shall the inaction or silence of a Graduate Student as to a Senator Appoint be construed as approval of the Senator Appoint.
3. SPECIAL APPOINTMENT. Senators may be specially appointed to the Graduate Student Senate in limited circumstances.
- a. The Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate shall have the authority to request of a Department a Senator within the Department be specially appointed to serve in the Graduate Student Senate. The Executive Committee may request a Senator be specially appointed by a Department if the Senator is elected to serve as an officer of the Graduate Student Senate or a chair of any standing committee of the Graduate Student Senate in the following Senate Session.
 - b. The Executive Committee must within one (1) month of the date of election furnish an official document providing the names of those Senators and a statement providing the reasoning for those Senators' retention by the Graduate Student Senate to the Graduate Liaisons of the Senators' individual Departments.
 - c. Upon receipt of this document, the Graduate Liaison of a Department must proceed to specially appoint the Senator, provided that the Graduate Students within the Department furnish their approval of the Special Senator Appoint.
 - d. The Graduate Liaison of a Department shall distribute some digital communication (such as e-mail or like method) containing both the name or names of a Special Senator Appoint or Special Senator Appoints and the statement furnished by the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate providing the reasoning for the Senator's or those Senators' special appointment to the Graduate Students of the Department.
 - e. If a Department contains less than one hundred (100) Graduate Students, a Special Senator Appoint may only be deemed approved by the Graduate Students of a Department if not less than thirty

percent (30%) of the total number of Graduate Students within the Department consent to the appointment..

- f. If a Department contains more than one hundred (100) Graduate Students, a Special Senator Appoint may only be deemed approved by the Graduate Students of a Department if not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of Graduate Students within the Department consent to the appointment.

Section 5: AMENDATORY. Section 2, Subsection B. Vacancies, Expulsions, Removals, and Resignations shall be renumbered as Section 3 and all Sections thereafter shall be renumbered in subsequent.

Section 6: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Dayten Israel, Internal Affairs Committee Chair, Senator for the College of Law

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____