

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

October 25th, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/96062714567?pwd=NE90YVhLRTJrRytMeWFLQTNJckY1Zz09>

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:

- SGA Presidential Candidates
 - Tavana Farzaneh / Alex Gray first
 - Drew Brown / Taylor Smail second
 - Easton Holloway / Diahn Citty third

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF20-26 Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020
- GF20-27 Farewell OrgSync Act of 2020
- GF20-28 An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members
- GF20-29 Auxiliary Allocation Act 6 of 2020-2021
- GF20-30 Auxiliary Allocation Act 7 of 2020-2021
- GF20-23 Executive Committee Empowerment Act
- GF20-24 Consistency in Law Act
- GF20-25 Order of Succession Act

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-14
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF20-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the University of Oklahoma adopt policy for the Fall 2020 Semester; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic poses unique risks and challenges which have significantly altered higher education;
- Whereas: On October 6, 2020 the University of Oklahoma announced a transition to all online classes for the three weeks remaining after Thanksgiving Break;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma adopted a policy in Spring 2020 which allowed classes to be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis;
- Whereas: The Pass/No Pass policy for the Spring 2020 Semester was put in place to mitigate academic harms that occurred due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its ramifications, all of which are entirely out of the direct control of individual students;
- Whereas: Students across all Academic Districts have experienced and continue to experience academic harm due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Whereas: Students have been forced to take on additional non-academic responsibilities, such as childcare, job searches, and working more to meet financial needs;
- Whereas: Students have individually reported poor mental health as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, consistent with expert expectations regarding mental health;¹
- Whereas: The aforementioned challenges, along with an online learning environment which is new to students and faculty alike, have produced a fundamentally altered academic experience;
- Whereas: A recent student petition calling for a Pass/No Pass option has gathered over two thousand nine hundred signatures as of October 11, 2020;²

¹ http://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-medicine-expert-details-covid-19-pandemics-effects-on-mental-health-anxiety/article_a22bb6a2-025d-11eb-9a52-272712524bd9.html

² <https://www.change.org/p/ou-students-change-ou-grading-policy-to-pass-fail-for-the-fall-2020-semester?redirect=false>

Whereas: Determined in consultation with the Faculty Senate, A Pass/No Pass option where a letter grade of D is considered a Pass may do more harm than good for the academic careers of students, particularly in classes considered as prerequisites for other classes;

Whereas: A Pass/No Pass option where a C or greater is considered passing will still offer students some academic relief, mitigating COVID-19 related harms outside of their control;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has the opportunity to be a leader among Universities across the nation in adopting a Pass/No Pass option for the Fall 2020 semester.

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 “Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the University of Oklahoma adopt a Pass/No Pass grading policy for the Fall 2020 semester.

Section 3: Such a policy ought to be identical to the Spring 2020 Pass/No Pass policy for sake of consistency, with the single exception that at the Undergraduate level, all grades of C or higher be convertible to a Pass, while grades of D or lower be convertible to a No Pass.

Section 4: Students should be aware that in order to qualify for the President’s and Dean’s Honor rolls, they must retain a minimum of 12 letter graded credit hours. Undergraduate Students should also consider the consequences of opting in to a pass/no pass system with regard to graduate school applications, as some graduate schools will not accept pass/no pass grades and appeal processes to reverse the decision are cumbersome and not guaranteed. Before making a decision, Veteran students and dependents should consult the Veterans Affairs office to determine potential effects on tuition, fees, and housing stipends.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joe Harroz, Jr.
- Interim Provost Jill Irvine
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. Amy Bradshaw, University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate Chair
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin South, University Policy Committee Chair

Co-Author(s): Dalton Gau, SGA Vice President
Malachi Bouch, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress
Savanah Patterson, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Nathaniel Buxton, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Taylor Broadbent, External Affairs Chair
Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair
Jake Lange, Sustainability Chair
Emily Tucker, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Lucille Alpert, Physical Sciences Representative
Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative
Zoe Douglas, Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Representative
Kendall Few, Communications Representative
Jayke Flaggert, University College Representative
Anna Hong, Languages Representative
Susie Kerr, Life Sciences Representative
Hanna Kevric, University College Representative
Robert Loayza, Communications Representative
Graeson Lynskey, Fine Arts Representative
Summer Miller, University College Representative
Max Murdock, Social Sciences Representative
Joy Nath, Social Sciences Representative
Lauren Roberts, University College Representative
Taylor Smail, Accounting and Finance Representative
Jessica Bennet, Associate
Weslie Griffin, Associate
James Swafford, Associate

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Hillis seconded by Representative Bryant
Action taken by Congress: 29-0-1

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 CIII
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-05
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-27

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation to
update the platform “OrgSync” in the
Code Annotated; 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 “Farewell OrgSync Act of 2020”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association over the Summer of 2020 have migrated the RSO platform management website from OrgSync to Engage and therefore the terminology in the Code Annotated must be updated.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Update all terms and uses of “OrgSync” to “Engage”.
- Section 4:** Pursuant to the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated § Title One, Chapter Seven the General Council should update the terminology and add or remove any language needed to keep the grammatical integrity of the sections containing “OrgSync” intact.
- Section 5:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s):** Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative Abby Halsey-Kraus, Associate

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Stormer
Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-22
SENATE BILL GF20-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board members; providing for short title, 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 “An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint student members to the 2020-2021 SGA Election Board.

Section 3: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for students on the Election Board, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Isaac Kabrick
- Beau Lauffer
- Joy Nath

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

Author(s): Peyton Nees, SGA Election Chair

Co-Author(s): Renata Emini, SGA Chief of Staff
Melissa Maxey, Chair of Graduate Student Senate

Co-Sponsor(s):

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

October 20th, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

October 25th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-08
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-29

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 6 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
Asian American Student Association	2400			2400
TOTAL:				2400

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.

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

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Smail seconded by Representative Chenevey
Action taken by Student Congress: 29-0-0

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 GF20
October 25th, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. GF20-23

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 “Executive Committee Empowerment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to clarify and broaden the scope of the powers of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 8 of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate 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.

SECTION 8. Executive Committee

- A. ~~The EC Executive Committee shall be composed of the three (3) elected officers and the chairs of the eight (8) standing committees, when called upon to meet, or the three (3) elected officers until the committee chairs have been selected~~ consist of the officers of the Graduate Student Senate and the chairs of its standing committees. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to excuse absences, to the extent extenuating circumstances are present, and to make recommendations on all legislation. The Executive Committee shall assist the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate in planning and coordinating the business of the Graduate Student Senate.
- B. ~~The EC is an administrative body and is not empowered to dismiss Legislation. Except for dismissal of officer motions by individual Senators, Legislation proposed for consideration by the Senate shall be brought first to the EC, which shall do only one of the following: The Executive Committee shall meet twice a month during the academic year at a regularly scheduled and published time. The Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall have the authority to suspend meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall further have the authority call special meetings of the Executive Committee outside of those regularly scheduled and published times.~~
1. ~~Recommend consideration of Legislation by the Senate; or~~
 2. ~~Refer Legislation to the appropriate committee.~~
- C. ~~The functions of the EC are to:~~

- ~~1. Meet at least twice a month during the academic year at a regularly scheduled and published time;~~
 - ~~2. Meet during periods when no G.A.M.s (General Assembly Meetings) are scheduled, at which time the committee chairs shall act as fully empowered committees except for matters of budget allocations, grant allocations, Constitutional amendments, By-Law amendments, and the like;~~
 - ~~3. Consider every piece of legislation brought before it;~~
 - ~~4. Set the agenda for the consideration of Legislation on the Senate floor;~~
 - ~~5. Ratify the Chair's nominations for the membership of committees; and~~
 - ~~6. Suggest representatives to the SGA President to serve on University Councils and Committees. This action does not replace the advice and consent role of the Senate once the SGA President nominates representatives to such Councils and Committees.~~
- C. Quorum shall be a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee.
- D. Any standing committee chair that misses an Executive Committee meeting without reasonable notice shall accrue an absence. The Chair of the Executive Committee may, at their discretion, excuse a member's absence. If an absence is excused, the Chair of the Executive Committee shall inform the Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate.
1. A chair of any standing committee may submit as proxy the vice chair of the standing committee. If the vice chair of the standing committee is incapable of serving as proxy, the chair of the standing committee shall instead submit as proxy the secretary of the standing committee.
- E. The Executive Committee shall ratify the nominations for membership to standing and all other committees provided by the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.
- F. The Executive Committee shall suggest representatives to the SGA President to serve on University councils and committees. This action does not substitute nor in any way satisfy the Graduate Student Senate's role in providing advice and consent to the SGA President's nominated representatives to such councils and committees.
- G. All legislation shall first be heard before the Executive Committee. Upon considering a piece of legislation, the Executive Committee may provide one (1) of the following recommendations, with the exception of Auxiliary Funding Acts, which will be referred to the Graduate Student Senate without recommendation:
1. DO PASS. A recommendation of "Do Pass" shall refer legislation to the Graduate Student Senate with the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Graduate Student Senate approve the item.
 2. DO NOT PASS. A recommendation of "Do Not Pass" shall refer legislation to the Graduate Student Senate with the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Graduate Student Senate not approve the item.
 3. NO RECOMMENDATION. A recommendation of "No Recommendation" shall refer legislation to the Graduate Student Senate without the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Graduate Student Senate approve or fail the legislation.
 4. COMMIT TO COMMITTEE. A recommendation of "Commit to Committee" shall refer legislation to any standing or other committee stated by the Executive Committee Chair to receive the legislation. The Chair of the Executive Committee is authorized to limit the scope of any such committee's review of the legislation, at the advice of the Executive Committee.

5. DO FAIL. A recommendation of “Do Fail” shall prohibit, without prejudice, legislation from appearing before the Graduate Student Senate.
- H. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint any Graduate Student Senator, in a limited capacity, to any standing committee for the purpose of advising, consulting, supporting, or otherwise on any project or legislation or series of such, at the request of that Graduate Student Senator and upon approval of such request by the chair of that standing committee.
- I. The Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall serve as the chair of the Executive Committee.
- J. ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Orders of Business in the Executive Committee meetings of the Graduate Student Senate shall be conducted in the following order.
 1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of the Minutes
 3. Officer Reports
 - Graduate Student Senate Chair
 - Graduate Student Senate Vice Chair
 - Graduate Student Senate Secretary
 4. Committee Reports
 - Internal Affairs Committee Chair
 - Ways and Means Committee Chair
 - Academic Affairs Committee Chair
 - Development and Philanthropy Committee Chair
 - External Affairs Committee Chair
 - Human Diversity Committee Chair
 - Sustainability Committee Chair
 - Public Relations Committee Chair
 5. Special Orders
 - Members may speak at this time on topics not pending before the Executive Committee but within its purview.
 - Outside presentations or other special events scheduled through officers of the Executive Committee may be presented at this time.
 6. Old Business
 - Items that have appeared on the “Items to be Considered” agenda and moved at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee during the current session of the Graduate Student Senate may be heard.
 7. Items to be Considered
 - All legislative items before the Executive Committee must be heard at this time.
 8. Follow-Up Reports
 - Authors of legislation previously passed may deliver reports on the developments resulting from that legislation’s passing.
 9. General Discussion
 - Executive Committee members are allotted time to discuss actions taken and considered during the business portion of the Executive Committee meeting.

10. Adjourn

Section 4: 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): Melissa Maxey, Graduate Student Senate Chair

Co-Sponsor(s):

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 GF20
October 25th, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. GF20-24

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act of Procedure providing limited authority to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate; 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 “Consistency in Law Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to provide a general grant of authority for a limited time to the Internal Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Senate, so it may establish clarity and consistency in the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate.
- Section 3:** This Act shall allow the Internal Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Senate to generally amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to resolve all scrivener’s errors, extending to all formatting errors and all other similar errors.
- Section 4:** This Act shall not allow the Internal Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Senate to otherwise affect the content of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate.
- Section 5:** This Act shall expire immediately upon the Internal Affairs Committee’s complete resolution of those errors or upon the passing of January 31, 2021, whichever is earliest.
- Section 6:** This Act shall further provide the Internal Affairs Committee is not required to provide notice to the Graduate Student Senate prior to any resolution of those errors. The Internal Affairs Committee must only report to the Graduate Student Senate of its complete resolution of those errors, and may report, from time to time, the status of the resolution of those errors to the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate.
- Section 7:** 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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25th, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. GF20-25

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 “Order of Succession Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide a revised order of succession among the chairs of the standing committees of the Graduate Student Senate.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 6, Subsection D of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate 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.

SECTION 6. Elected Officers

D. If the ~~Officers~~ of the Graduate Student Senate are ~~unable to attend a Meeting~~ absent, ~~or~~ must temporarily recuse themselves, ~~or are otherwise incapable of fulfilling their duties, then~~ the duties of the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall fall to the ~~Committee Chairs~~ chairs of the Graduate Student Senate’s standing committees in the following order: ~~Internal Affairs, Ways and Means, External Affairs, Academic Affairs, Problems and Projects, Public Relations, Human Diversity, and Development and Philanthropy~~ Internal Affairs Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Development and Philanthropy Committee, External Affairs Committee, Human Diversity Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Public Relations Committee.

Section 4: 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: _____