

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

February 9th 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order

Mission Statement: Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes (minutes from previous meeting:
<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2023/GSS-MinutesJan26th.pdf>)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
- Development & Philanthropy:
- External Affairs:
- Internal Affairs:
- International Student Affairs:
- Public Relations:
- Sustainability:
- Ways and Means:

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- GS23-08 Spring 2023 Departmental Status Act

Old Business:

- GS23-03 OU SGA definition of Islamophobia (Rec of Do Pass)

New Business:

- GS23-05 The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2023 (Rec of Do Pass)
- GS23-06 Campus Safety Resolution of 2023 (Rec of No Rec)
- GS23-07 Auxiliary Allocation 8 Act of 2022-2023 (Rec of Do Pass)

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 108
November 29th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS23
February 9th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-22
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS23-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution in support of the Norman Muslim community, through properly defining Islamophobia; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: 60% of Muslims are experiencing varying measures of prejudice;
- Whereas: Muslims are disproportionately affected by religious discrimination¹;
- Whereas: Islamophobic events rose by 4% from 2020 to 2022²;
- Whereas: Approximately 12,000 Oklahoma residents are Muslim³;
- Whereas: Muslim students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced Islamophobia in some shape or form while attending campus or in the Norman Community;
- Whereas: Additional students may have witnessed or experienced Islamophobia but failed to raise concern due to fear, retaliation, etc.; therefore

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 “OU SGA definition of Islamophobia.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma students, faculty, and staff recognizes any acts of Islamophobia that Muslim students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced and/or witnessed.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will adopt the following non-legally binding working definition for Islamophobia, which reads as follows:

- “Islamophobia is an extreme fear of and hostility toward Islam and Muslims. It often leads to hate speech and hate crimes, social and political discrimination, can

¹ Moghed, Dalia, and Erum Ikramullah. American Muslim Poll 2020: Amid Pandemic and Protest. Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, 2020.

² Moghed, Dalia & Ikramullah, Erum. American Muslim Poll 2022: A Politics and Pandemic Status Report. August 2022: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding.

³ Soltani, Adam. “Guide to Islam and Muslims in Oklahoma.” CAIR Oklahoma, CAIR Oklahoma, 13 July 2022, <https://www.cairoklahoma.com/islamguide/>.

be used to rationalize policies such as mass surveillance, incarceration, and disenfranchisement, and can influence domestic and foreign policy⁴”.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will utilize the following examples of Islamophobia identified by Bridge to further educate the student body on forms of Islamophobia, including but not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims.
- Accusing Muslims as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.
- Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. Belinda Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- 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
- Dr. Deonnie Moodie, Religious Studies Department Chair
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- All OU Norman Campus Students

Author(s): Nathanael Reese, Engineering Representative

Co-Author(s): Carolyn Berggren, Human Diversity Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Razann Ghazal, Social Science Representative
Yara Kataneh, University College Representative
Hope Rhoads, University College Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Ghazal seconded by Representative Rhoads

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 Unanimous Pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

⁴ Hafez, Farid, and Arsalan Iftikhar. “What Is Islamophobia?” Bridge Initiative. Georgetown University, 2018. <https://bridge.georgetown.edu/about-us/what-is-islamophobia/>.

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

January 31, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS23

February 9, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-02
SENATE BILL GS23-05

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of legislation appointing the Chief of Staff of the
Executive Branch; 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 Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2023.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Firch-Schultz Administration within the Executive Branch.

Section 3: In accordance with the SGA Code Annotated §Title I, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for the Chief of Staff position, the following student shall thus be appointed:

- Maria De Asis

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

Author(s): Christopher Firch, SGA President
Emelie Schultz, SGA Vice President

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 25-0-0 unanimous pass

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 109
January 31st, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS23
February 9th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-109-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS23-06

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Legislature has introduced approximately 80 bills related to firearms;
- Whereas: SB820 and SB664 are two of the several bills that would modify current law to allow students the ability to possess firearms on University and College campuses;
- Whereas: A current poll showed that 94% of faculty members in universities and colleges across the United States opposed allowing firearms on university and college campuses⁵;
- Whereas: A study across several states revealed that 78% of students do not want firearms on campus⁶; therefore

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 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2023.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma, Student Government Association, recommends that our state legislators maintain the current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow individuals to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. We strongly oppose any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- OU Daily
 - President Harroz
 - Dr. David Suratt
 - Kristen Partridge

⁵ <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-guns-and-college-campuses#fn2>

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- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- OUPD Chief Nathaniel Tarver
- Oklahoma Senator Adam Pugh
- Oklahoma Senator Ally Seifried
- Oklahoma Senator Carrie Hicks
- Oklahoma Senator Julie Daniels
- Oklahoma Senator Darcy Jech
- Oklahoma Senator Bill Coleman
- Oklahoma Representative Robert Manger
- Oklahoma Representative John George
- Oklahoma Representative Anthony Moore
- Oklahoma Representative Sherrie Conley

Author(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chairwoman of the Congressional Administration Committee
 Weslie Griffin, Chairman of the External Affairs Committee

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, Chair of the USC
 Carter Strickland, University College Representative
 Hope Rhoads, University College Representative
 Michael Reynolds, Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Representative
 Amelia Landry, Secretary of the USC

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 23-1-0 pass

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 CVIII

February 7th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS23

February 9th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-108-08
SENATE BILL NO. GS23-07

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2022-2023 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 8 Act of 2022-2023”
- 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
Architectural Engineering Institute	765			765
Asian American Student Association	6500			6500
Biology Graduate Student Organization	900			900
Construction Students Association	800			800
Crimson Furs	200			200
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	840			840
Global Brigades	1000			1000
Grant Writers Association of Oklahoma	120			120
American Mock World Health Organization	375			375
National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers	820			820
OU Powerlifting Club	2240			2240
Pre-Veterinary Club	814			814

Sociology/Criminology Club	104			104
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	249.96			249.96
TOTAL:				15728.96

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 6, 2023

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2023, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Demetri Papahronis, Chair, SGA Budget Committee; Brandon Chenevey, Vice Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
 GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
 SENATE SESSION GS23
 February 9th, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. GS23-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act to declare certain Departments as in ‘Bad Standing’
 and on ‘Probation’.

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

- Section 1:** This act may be known and cited as the “Spring 2023 Departmental Status Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: To update Graduate Student Senate Department status for the full academic year 2022-2023.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: For the purpose of this Act, Departments now in ‘Bad Standing’ will be found under the ‘Bad Standing’ column; Departments now on ‘probation’ will be found under the ‘Probation’ column; and Departments now in ‘Good Standing’ will be found under the ‘Good Standing’ column.
- Section 4:** Departments with status changes:

Department Status Changes		
Good Standing	Probation	Bad Standing
Aerospace and Mech. Eng.	Biology*	Accounting
Anthropology	Business Administration*	Educational Lead. & Policy Studies
Architecture	Instructional Lead. & Acad. Curriculum*	Engineering Physics
Biomedical Engineering		Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
Chemical Biological & Material Eng.		Finance
Chemistry and Biochemistry		General Engineering
Civil Eng. & Environmental Science		Geology and GeoPhysics
Communication		Human Relations
Computer Science		Landscape Architecture*
Construction Science		Management Information Systems
Data Science and Analytics		Public Administration
Dance		Social Work
Economics		
Educational Psychology		
Electrical and Computer Engineering		
English		
Geography & Environmental Sustainability		

Health and Exercise Science		
History of Science, Technology & Medicine		
Industrial & Systems Engineering		
Interior Design		
International and Area Studies		
Journalism and Mass Communication		
Law		
Liberal Studies (PACS)		
Library & Information Studies		
Mathematics		
Meteorology		
Microbiology & Plant Biology		
Modern Languages, Lit. & Linguistics		
Music		
Native American Studies		
Philosophy		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Regional & City Planning		
Sociology		
Visual Arts		
History*		
Petroleum & Geological Engineering*		
Physics & Astronomy*		

Note: * indicates departments that changed status this semester

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
 Author(s): Claire Burch, GSS Chair
 Rin Ferraro, GSS Vice Chair
 Cooper Delafield, GSS Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:
 Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____