

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

October 5th, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93638222663?pwd=dFpKQUZOK2Q1U1oxV0lMUy9FUkRZUT09>

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-Minutes9-21-2023.pdf>)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

Committee Reports: (submit your meeting minutes [here](#))

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

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- GF23-15 2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act

Old Business:

- GF23-06 Code Annotated Revision Act (Do Pass)

New Business:

- GF23-07 Judicial Clarification Act (Do Pass)
- GF23-11 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of No Rec)
- GF23-14 Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of No Rec)
- GF23-12 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resolution (Do Pass)
- GF23-13 Fall 2023 Departmental Status Act (Do Pass)

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
September 19, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-06
SENATE BILL GF23-06

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated; 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 “Code Annotated Revision Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the Student Government Association Code Annotated to ensure accuracy and promote inclusivity and accessibility.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated Title 1.3.2(d)(vii) is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.
- vii. **Signature Sheet** – A sheet for collecting student signatures in support of placing a Proposition on the ballot for the student body to vote upon.
1. The Summary of the Proposition shall be printed on the top margin of each Signature Sheet in no smaller than 12-point ~~Times New Roman~~ font.
 2. Every signature sheet must have twenty-five (25) separate signature lines to collect a signatory’s full name, their signature, and their complete OU identification number.
- Section 4:** AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated Title 2.1.5(a) is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.
- a. **Joint Committee.** Joint committees shall be composed of the Chairs of each House, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committee with jurisdiction over the Act of Legislation, and the Vice Chair or representative of the House in which it originated. The Chair of the House in which the Act was first moved shall preside over the Joint Committee and vote only in case of a tie. The resulting Act approved by the Joint Committee shall be referred to each House for consideration. If the Act passes each House by majority vote, then it must be presented to the SGA President in accordance with ~~Title II, Chapter 1, Sec. 5.3.~~ Title II, Chapter 1, Sec. 5(b). If the Act reported out of the Joint Committee is not upheld by each House, the Act fails.

Section 5: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated Title 2.3.7(a) is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

- a. **Voting by Proxy.** An absent Senator may assign ~~his~~ their vote to a proxy. That proxy must be in attendance when the voting occurs and cannot assign the vote to another member of the Senate. When called upon to vote, the proxy must make it clear that their vote is being cast on behalf of the absent member.

Section 6: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated Title 3.1.4(a) is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

- a. **Oath of President and Vice President.** The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office (referenced in ~~Title I, Chapter 6, section 24~~ Title I, Chapter 6, Sec. 3) to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, the Chief Justice shall select another person to do so. After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

Section 7: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated Title 2.2.3 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

- a. **Election.** Representatives shall be elected for a one-year term, with elections to be held at least ~~one~~ twice a year as determined by an act of Congress.

Section 8: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, University College Representative
Carter Strickland, University College Representative

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 CX
September 19, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-05
SENATE BILL GF23-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to redact redundancies; 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 “Judicial Clarification Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to redact redundancies in the SGACA.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title IV, Chapter 2 Section 8 will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections:

Title IV, Chapter 2 – The Student Superior Court

8. ~~**Membership.** The judges of the Student Superior Court shall be regularly enrolled students and must have completed two (2) full semesters as a full-time student at the University of Oklahoma at the time of this appointment and confirmation.~~

~~1. **Nomination**~~

~~1. Nominations are to be called for the outgoing Superior Justice, or any other SGA officer, four (4) weeks prior to the expiration of their term in office.~~

~~2. Nominations must be open for at least one (1) week, and shall comply with all applicable law.~~

~~2. **Appointment Process**~~

~~1. All applications that comply with the requested formatting and content requirements must be considered.~~

~~2. Those applicants selected for an interview are to be given a minimum of two (2) days’ notice of their interview time and venue. Notice may be given orally or in writing.~~

~~3. Interviews shall be conducted by a panel comprising the SGA President, the Chair of Graduate Student Senate, the Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress, the SGA General Counsel, or their respective designees, and the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court.~~

- ~~4. Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists, excluding the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice will only vote in the event of a tie.~~
- ~~5. Vacancies on the Superior Court shall not exist for longer than thirty (30) days from the occurrence of the vacancy.~~
- ~~6. The constitutionality of a justice's appointment should be based solely on whether they met the membership requirements at the time of their appointment.~~
3. **Number of Justices.** The Legislative Branch shall establish the number of justices sitting on the Student Superior Court. The membership of the Student Superior Court may not be reduced in such a manner as to force the involuntary retirement of justices. The membership may be increased at such additions shall not become effective within the same presidential term as when the increase has been initiated. The size of the SGA Superior Court shall be set at seven (7) justices.

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

Author(s): Representative Carter Strickland, University College District

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 CX
 September 26th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
 SENATE SESSION GF23
 October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-03
 SENATE BILL NO. GF23-11

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 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 3 Act of 2023-2024”

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
American Institute of Architecture Students at the University of Oklahoma			792	792
Black Creative Circle	90			90
Black Creative Circle	85			85
Black Undergraduate Law Student Association	990			990
Caribbean Students Association	540			540
Communication Graduate Student Association	1050			1050
Eta Sigma Phi Classical Honors Society	249.99			249.99
Honors Student Diversity Council	800		100	900
Lambda Delta Psi Sorority	2000			2000
National Organization of Minority Architecture Students	800			800
ONE Emergency Medical Services	208			208
OU Figure Skating Club	900			900
OU Women's Volleyball Club	2350			2350
Pre-Medical Professions Club	315			315

SGA Executive Branch	800			800
Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	48.88			48.88
Sports Business Association	550			550
Student Association of Graduates in English	460			460
Women of Power	350			350
TOTAL:				13478.88

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 10, 2024

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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

Action taken by Student Congress: 26-0-0

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

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 3rd, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-04
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-14

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 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 4 Act of 2023-2024”
- 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
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	741.73			741.73
Association for Women in Mathematics	400			400
Biology Graduate Student Organization	900			900
Boomer Rocket Team		1095		1095
BRASÓ	76.71			76.71
Gamma Beta Phi Society	900			900
Law Students of Texas	200			200
LGBTQ Program Advisory Board	8457			8457
LGBTQ Program Advisory Board	1271.44			1271.44
LGBTQ Program Advisory Board	4845.88			4845.88
LGBTQ Student Alliance	4352.37			4352.37
LGBTQ Student Alliance	882.40			882.40
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	1050			1050
Muslim Student Association	1000			1000

Muslim Student Association	755	70		825
Rooks & Books		360		360
Sigma Gamma Tau	900			900
Society of International Pre-Med Students	400	100		500
Vietnamese Student Association	3791.71			3791.71
Zeta Phi Beta	994.99			994.99
			TOTAL:	33544.23

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 10, 2024

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, 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

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 3, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of
October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Suggesting
ways students can recognize Breast Cancer Awareness
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, with the exception of skin cancer; and
- Whereas: Breast Cancer is about 1 in 3 of all new female cancer cases each year¹; and
- Whereas: Breast cancer is 12.5% of all cancer cases worldwide per year, making it the most common cancer in the world²; and
- Whereas: For every 100,000 women, 119 new Female Breast cancer cases were reported, and 19 women died in 2020³; and
- Whereas: In Oklahoma, Female Breast Cancer was number one on the list of top 10 cancers by rates of new cancer cases for women in 2020, with 114 women per 100,000⁴; and
- Whereas: In Oklahoma, Female Breast Cancer was number two on the list of top 10 cancers by rates of new cancer deaths for women in 2020, with 21.4 women per 100,000⁵; and
- Whereas: 3,908,366 people (As of January 1, 2020) were living with Breast Cancer. This is 1.17% of the US population in 2020⁶

¹ “Key Statistics for Breast Cancer”. American Cancer Society. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/breast-cancer/about/how-common-is-breast-cancer.html>

² “Breast Cancer Facts and Statistics”. Breastcancer.org. <https://www.breastcancer.org/facts-statistics>

³ “United States Cancer Statistics: Data Visualizations”. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/#/AtAGlance/>

⁴ “United States Cancer Statistics: Data Visualizations”. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/#/AtAGlance/>

⁵ “United States Cancer Statistics: Data Visualizations”. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/#/AtAGlance/>

⁶ “SEER*Explorer Application”. National Cancer Institute Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute. https://seer.cancer.gov/statistics-network/explorer/application.html?site=55&data_type=5&graph_type=11&compareBy=sex&chk_sex_3=3&chk_sex_

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 “Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resolution.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and be in solidarity with all who have or have had Breast Cancer.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association suggests the following ways for students to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

- Wear pink clothing, accessories, or ribbons throughout October
- Educate yourself about breast cancer
- Donate to Breast Cancer Charities or Research Organizations
- Share your story
- Spread Awareness on Social Media
- Talk to your Health Care Provider about whether you need to be screened
- Support people who currently have breast cancer and breast cancer survivors

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President
- Gary Raskob, Provost of the Health Sciences Center
- William Wayne, PhD, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Maggie Pool, RN, Clinical Administration Director and Health Promotion Manager
- Craig Rice, MD, Chief of Medical Staff
- Katie Qualls Fay, Health Education Coordinator
- OU Health Services

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Social Sciences District Representative

Co-Author(s): Ezra Koenig, Human Diversity Chair

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

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF23

October 5th, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. GF23-13

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 "Fall 2023 Departmental Status Act."

Section 2: Purpose: To update Graduate Student Senate Department status for the full academic year 2023-2024.

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 5: Departments with status changes:

Department Status Changes		
Good Standing	Probation	Bad Standing
Aerospace and Mech. Eng.		Accounting
Anthropology		Engineering Physics
Architecture		Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
Biology*		Finance
Biomedical Engineering		General Engineering
Business Administration*		Human Relations
Chemical Biological & Material Eng.		Management Information Systems
Chemistry and Biochemistry		
Civil Eng. & Environmental Science		
Communication		
Computer Science		
Construction Science		
Data Science and Analytics		
Dance		
Economics		
Educational Psychology		
Electrical and Computer Engineering		
English		

Geography & Environmental Sustainability		
Geology and GeoPhysics*		
Health and Exercise Science		
History of Science, Technology & Medicine		
Industrial & Systems Engineering		
Interior Design		
Instructional Lead. & Acad. Curriculum*		
International and Area Studies		
Journalism and Mass Communication		
Law		
Landscape Architecture*		
Library & Information Studies		
Mathematics		
Meteorology		
Microbiology & Plant Biology		
Modern Languages, Lit. & Linguistics		
Music		
Native American Studies		
Philosophy		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Public Administration*		
Regional & City Planning		
Sociology		
Visual Arts		
History		
Petroleum & Geological Engineering		
Physics & Astronomy		

Note. * indicates the department 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
Jordan Norris, GSS Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 10, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-10
SENATE BILL GF23-15

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing the 2023-2024 Election Commission Staff; 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 “2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2023-2024 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6 Section 2(a)(ii), the Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2024 semester:
- Hanna Cole
 - Alexia Charlton
 - Hannah Smith
 - Will Ehrhart
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Seth Phung, SGA Election Commissioner

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: _____