

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
September 21st, 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/2023/9-7-23GSS-Min.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:

- Dean Hewes, Graduate College
- GF23-10 Act Appointing the 2023-2024 Elections Commissioner

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF23-04 Signature Collection Clarification Act (Do Pass)
- GF23-06 Code Annotated Revision Act (Do Pass)
- GF23-08 Recovery Month Resolution (Do Pass)
- GF23-09 Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of No Rec)

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

September 19th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 21st, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-08
SENATE BILL GF23-04

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 “Signature Collection Clarification Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association Code Annotated (“SGA Code Annotated”) to clarify the status of signature election as a part of the campaign and election process.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated §Title VI Chapter 1 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~strikethrough~~.

Chapter VI-1 General Provisions

1. Definitions

1. **Academic Week** - Any week (Monday - Friday) during which the University holds classes for at least one (1) day.
2. **Campaign Spending** – The value of any products, services, or expenses incurred by the campaign. “Value” should not include any discounts, which are not available to the general public, but should include the value of any services or products donated. This shall not include the value of any non-professional services performed by students.
3. **Campaign Time Frame** – The time between the first class day of the eighth (8th) Academic Week and the validation of the election.
4. **Campaigning** – Working in an organized and active way to promote a candidate as a representative of or at the directive of that candidate. Campaigning shall not be construed to include the process of collecting signatures for election filing but shall include any public campaign materials disseminated during the signature collection period, statements made about one’s platform, or any solicitation for votes in the election shall always be considered campaigning.

5. **Class Day** - The Period of time from 8 AM to 5 PM on a day in which classes are held.
6. **Designated Agent** – A person chosen and registered by a candidate with the ability to represent the candidate in any official capacity.
7. **Election Fraud** – Any act or omission completed or attempted with the intent to deprive a candidate or voter of their rights.
8. **Information on Candidates Booklet** - A booklet published by the Election Commissioner on the first day of the Ninth (9th) Academic Week containing a statement from the Election Commissioner, a list of all candidates, and the pieces of literature from the candidates who submitted them.
9. **Eighth (8th) Academic Week** - The Academic Week in which Candidates may begin campaigning. Campaigning shall only begin at the start of the first Class Day of the given Academic Week.
10. **Eleventh (11th) Academic Week** - The Academic Week in which Fall and Spring Elections shall occur. Voting days shall be the Tuesday and Wednesday of the given week of the semester.
11. **Member of a Campaign** - Any SGA Member who publicly or privately works with a candidate.
12. **Ninth (9th) Academic Week** - The Academic Week in which the Information on Candidates Booklet shall be published in the given week of the Fall and Spring Semesters.
13. **Publicly Posted** – Conspicuously posted in the SGA Office & on the SGA website under the Election’s tab.
14. **Seventh (7th) Academic Week** - The Academic Week in which Mandatory Candidates Meetings shall be held.
15. **SGA Presidential Race** – The SGA Presidential race includes candidates for SGA President and SGA Vice President running together as one (1) ticket.
16. **Signatures** – Signatures required for Presidential and CAC Chair petitions may be collected physically or online. Physical signatures must include the following information: OU ID number, name, and signature. Digital signatures must be authenticated through an online platform that can be integrated with OU’s single sign-on (SSO). The process for digital signatures must be jointly approved by the Election Commissioner and the Office of Student Affairs.
17. **Sixth (6th) Academic Week** - The Academic Week in which filing for Candidates wishing to run in the upcoming election closes. Filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the given week.
18. **Unsolicited** – Any unrequested electronic message sent through an OU-maintained service (eg. OU email, Canvas, etc.), for the purpose of explicitly requesting a vote or support.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated §Title VI Chapter 3.2.a is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~strikethrough~~.

- a. **Candidates in SGA Presidential & CAC Races.** Candidates in the SGA Presidential or CAC Chair election shall present to the Election Commission a petition with five hundred (500) signatures by the time of the filing deadline. Signature gathering may begin at the beginning of the first academic week of the academic semester in which the candidate’s campaigning period will begin. If the Election Commission determines that a petition does not have enough signatures as a result of a mistake

in counting, candidates shall be allotted at least on full Class Day with signatures due at the end of the Class Day to collect the necessary remaining signatures to remain on the ballot. The Election Commission shall not make any adverse ruling on any petition.

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

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Life Sciences Representative
Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee Chairman

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
September 21, 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

September 21, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-04
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-08

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to declare the month of
September as Recovery Month; and providing for
distribution.

Whereas: “A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.”¹ and

Whereas: The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports “Heavy alcohol use and amphetamine misuse appears to be higher in college students than non-college peers”² and

Whereas: The National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) estimates that anywhere between 14 – 30% of college students are currently experiencing signs of an eating disorder.³

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 “Recovery Month Resolution.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize the month of September as Recovery Month and be in solidarity with students in recovery or students seeking out recovery.

Section 3: Resources in the OU and Norman community include the following:

- Students In Recovery RSO
- Goddard University Counseling Center
- OU’s Behavioral Intervention Team
- The Virtue Center

¹ SAMHSA. Recovery - samhsa. <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-recovery-5-6-14.pdf> National Institute on Drug Abuse, Drug Abuse Use In College-Aged

² Drug Abuse, Drug Abuse Use In College-Aged Adults in 2016. Retrieved from www.drugabuse.gov

³ National Eating Disorders Association. (n.d.-a). Collegiate survey project - national eating disorders association. <https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/sites/default/files/CollegeSurvey/CollegiateSurveyProject.pdf>

- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Jennifer Dell, Advisor for Students In Recovery RSO
 - President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association
 - OU Daily

Author(s): Ezra Koenig, Human Diversity Chair

Co-Author(s): Kate Yamishita, University of Oklahoma Student

Co-Sponsor(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

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 19th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 21st, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-02
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-09

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 2 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 Sign Language Club	300		210	510
American Society for Microbiology Oklahoma Chapter	100			100
American Society of Engineering Education Student Chapter	800			800
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter			650	650
Business Law Society	500			500
C&C Stomp and Shake	1200			1200
Club Golf Team	1400			1400
College of Law Dean’s Walking Club at the University of Oklahoma	300			300
Cru	900			900
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	600			600
Engineers Serving Others	630			630

Eta Kappa Nu, Beta Xi Chapter	880			880
Girls Club	680			680
Graduate Music Student Association	300			300
Healthcare Business Club	1000			1000
Hispanic American Student Association	3000			3000
Horror Movie Club	650			650
Japanese Cultural Community at the University of Oklahoma	500			500
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc	790		352	1142
LGBTQ Student Alliance	239.23			239.23
Meet and Make Club			400	400
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at The University of Oklahoma	361			361
OU Men's Baseball Club	600			600
OU Powerlifting Club	1440			1440
OU's Men's Club Lacrosse	1138			1138
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity	900.50			900.50
Public Interest Law Student Association	800			800
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers	300			300
Society of Physics Students	720			720
Student Socialist League	170		10	180
Women's Health Advocacy	3864			3864
Women's Rights in Healthcare Organization	480			480
TOTAL:				27164.73

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

September 26, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 21, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-10

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2023-2024
SGA Elections Commissioner; providing the
short title, and providing 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 “Act Appointing the 2023-2024 Elections Commissioner.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2023-2024 Elections 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

- o Seth Phung

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
Maria de Asis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author(s):

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: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____