

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

October 19th, 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/2023/10-5-2023GSS-Minutes.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:

- GF23-21 October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF23-05 SGA General Application Codification Act of 2023 (Rec of Do Pass)
- GF23-17 Auxiliary Allocation 5 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of No Rec)
- GF23-18 Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of No Rec)
- GF23-19 National Freedom of Speech Week Resolution (Rec of Do Pass)
- GF23-20 Election Commission Participation Act (Rec of 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 19th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-04
SENATE BILL GF23-05

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation codifying the use of the SGA
General Application, 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 “SGA General Application Codification Act of 2023.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to codify the SGA General Application as the primary application for leadership opportunities within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the Student Government Association.
- Section 3: The SGA General Application shall offer opportunities for all regularly enrolled students on the OU Norman campus, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students.
- Section 4: The SGA General Application shall provide an application for the governing branches of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association. One (1) individual supplemental page for each application shall be offered.
- Section 5: Ranking officers of each application opportunity shall be responsible for creating an appropriate number of both essay questions and other form-type questions for SGA Members to answer in their application.
- Section 6: The SGA General Application shall accept applications through an Engage profile shared by the three (3) governing branches of SGA.
- Section 7: Applications for appointed positions using the SGA General Application shall open before the beginning of the academic term and close after the start of classes. The SGA General Application can also be opened on an as-need-basis. The application shall be open for no less than 12 days.
- Section 8: All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall provide the following information on the application:

- a. Personal information: Biographical information deemed necessary by the SGA office responsible for overseeing the SGA General Application (ex. Name, preferred name, email, etc.)
- b. Academic information: Major(s) and class standing
- c. Consent for an academic standing check.

The previous information shall not be used in the application review process unless a position requires a specific class standing and/or major.

Section 9: All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall answer the following question on the application:

- a. “What does it mean to you to be a part of the Student Government Association?”

Section 10: Following the closing of the SGA General Application, ranking officers of each application opportunity are responsible for hosting their own interviews for applicants. During interviews, SGA Officers are not obligated to repeat questions from the SGA General Application.

Section 11: All SGA Officers involved in the appointment process are **required** to complete selection bias training prior to the application and interview process. Selection bias training promotes awareness of a person’s unconscious beliefs or stereotypes in their everyday decisions and thoughts. By completing a selection bias training SGA Officers ensure a fair and equitable application process for all SGA Members applying.

Section 12: SGA Members may only be considered for the position(s) they apply for. If an SGA Officer feels an applicant would be better suited or qualified for another position within the same branch, the SGA Officer can contact the applicant for consent to change the application.

Section 13: The SGA General Application shall be managed and organized by an Application Committee. This Committee shall be Chaired by the Congressional Administration Committee Chair and shall also include the Student Government Association President and Vice President, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, and the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress. After closing the SGA General Application, the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall be responsible for distributing applicant information to all members of the Application Committee. Through the application process, the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall be the primary contact for any questions to the Committee.

Section 14: The Application Committee shall reopen the General Application up to twice per semester (in addition to the standard application period at the beginning of each semester) if the Chair of Congress, the President, or the Chief Justice so directs. Due to the fact that the General Application includes positions in all branches, the senior officers of each branch will be notified prior to any opening of the General Application, and such officers will notify the Congressional Administration Committee Chair of their decision to include or exclude positions.

Section 15: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee
Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

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

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0

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 CX
October 10th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-05
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-17

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 5 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 Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS)	290	100		390
Animal Legal Defense Fund at The University of Oklahoma College of Law	745.85			745.85
Asian American Student Association	6450			6450
Black Girl White Coat	240			240
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	309.85			309.85
Iranian Student Association	8039			8039
Latin American Law Student Association	1022.44	200		1222.44
Latin Dance Club	1540			1540
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc	1650			1650
Omega Psi Phi	2500			2500
SGA Executive Branch	420	380	200	1000
Students for Reproductive Justice	350		150	500

Tabletop Gaming Club		255		255
			TOTAL:	24842.14

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 17th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-06
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-18

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 6 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
Advanced Radar Research Center Student Affairs Committee	550			550
Afrobeatz Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	1240.12			1240.12
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	525			525
Hacklahoma	525			525
Lambda Phi Epsilon	555			555
Latinos Without Borders	3000			3000
Nepalese Student Association	1000			1000
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	2000			2000
Oklahoma Law Review	475			475
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	400			400
OBI OUtreach	525			525

Sooner Racing Team	6275			6275
Well Read Book Club	360			360
Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	1000			1000
TOTAL:				18430.12

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 17^h, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-08
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-19

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to recognize National Freedom
of Speech Week; and providing for distribution

- Whereas: National Freedom of Speech Week begins the third week of October; and,
- Whereas: The United States has had protections for free speech since the ratification of the First Amendment on December 15, 1791; and,
- Whereas: James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, said, “The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments”¹; and,
- Whereas: University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz Jr. released a statement saying, “The freedom to speak, inquire, and express strikes at the heart of any great institution of higher learning”; and,
- Whereas: The University also recognizes the responsibility to respect others regardless of differing opinions.

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 “National Freedom of Speech Week Resolution.”
- Section 2:** The Student Government Association recognizes the third week of October as Free Speech Week and supports the First Amendment to freedom of speech.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
 - OU Daily
 - OU Nightly

Authors: Vice Chair Natalie Armour, External Affairs Committee

¹ James H. Read, “James Madison,” Free Speech Center (August 5, 2023)

Co-Author: Chair Ellie Wolthuis, External Affairs Committee

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
October 17, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-12
SENATE BILL GF23-20

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to allow members of the Undergraduate Student Congress to serve as members of the Election Commission; 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 “Election Commission Participation Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to modify the SGACA to allow officeholders of the Student Government Association to serve as members of the Election Commission.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated § Title I, Chapter 2 Section 4.3 will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections.

High Offices of the Judicial Branch. The high judicial offices of the SGA shall be as follows: Justices of the Student Superior Court; SGA General Counsel; SGA Associate General Counsels; and Election Commissioner; ~~and Election Commission.~~

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

Author(s): Chair Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee

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
October 24, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-13
SENATE BILL GF23-21

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Justices to the SGA Superior Court; 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 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Justices to the Student Government Association Superior Court.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA § Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for students on the court, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Preston Salameh
- Chase Young

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

Authors: President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association
Chairwoman Claire Burch, SGA Graduate Student Senate
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, SGA Undergraduate Student Congress
Maddie Taylor, SGA General Counsel

Co-Sponsors: Chief Justice Corbin Walls, SGA Superior Court
Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association

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: _____