

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

**January 23, 7:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/92662526832?pwd=VGuKxz94KVUMqSIbCSpaC4a7Waq9ha.1>

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/agendas/2024/11-21-24-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

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

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

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- GS25-01 The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2025
- GS25-02 Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025
- GS25-03 Secretaries of the SGA Executive Office of the President Appointment Act of 2025

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XIII

January 21, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS25

January 23, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XIII-01

SENATE BILL NO. GS25-01

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 resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2025.”

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

Section 3: In accordance with the SGA Code Annotated §Title X, Chapter 5, Section 2, which delineates the appointment process for the Chief of Staff position, the following student shall thus be appointed:

- Ellie Wolthuis

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

Author(s): SGA President Carter Strickland
SGA Vice President Avery Dunlap

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: _____

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SENATE SESSION GS25

January 23, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XIII-02

SENATE BILL GS25-02

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending SGA Code Annotated § II.2.9(c) to clarify that the legislature has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; 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 “Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025”.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify that under the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; updating the Code Annotated to match the Constitution.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated will be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill all deleted items shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~.

1. **Impeachment.** The Legislative Branch shall have the right of impeachment and removal within the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches. The right to impeach should be reserved for those positions which are either popularly elected by the student body, or have the ability to act independent of any other office. No person charged with impeachment shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.
 1. **Congress’s Power.** Congress shall have the sole power to bring impeachment charges against the members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches.
 2. **Senate’s Power.** The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When the SGA President is tried, the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court shall preside over the Senate.
 3. ~~Persons Not Subject to Impeachment.~~ Members of the Presidential staff exist only to help the President in their duties and are not impeachable.
 1. ~~Programming Branch General Council.~~ Members of the Programming branch’s general council exist solely to help the Campus Activities Chair in their duties and are not impeachable.

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

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Arts and Sciences District Representative

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

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SENATE SESSION GS25
January 23, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL GS25-03

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Office of the President secretaries; 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 “Secretaries of the SGA Executive Office of the President Appointment Act of 2025.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be appointing the SGA Secretaries of the Executive Office of the President for the Strickland-Dunlap Administration.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Office of the President (EOP) shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms,” the following student shall be appointed as the Director to their respective post:

Secretary of Campus Relations:	Josephine Nicholson
Secretary of External Development:	Joseph Harroz III
Secretary of Communications:	Abbey Gross
Secretary of Student Belonging:	Noah Brown
Secretary of Strategic Initiatives:	Mohammed Elgouhari
Secretary of Fiscal Responsibility:	Kendell Coppinger
Secretary of Student Services:	Mercer Martin

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

Authors: President Carter Strickland
Vice President Avery Dunlap
Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff to the SGA President

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