

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

**February 20th, 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/2025/2-6-25-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:**

- JEB Sheriff – speaking on behalf of OUIT
- GS25-08            Black History Month Resolution of 2025

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- GS25-06            Removing the Campus Climate Board of Advisors Act (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

February 11, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS25

February 20, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-09  
SENATE BILL GS25-06

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend Title IX-Chapter 2 of the 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 “Removing the Campus Climate Board of Advisors Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Title IX of the Student Government Association Code Annotated.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title IX Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~striketrough~~.

Chapter IX-2 Campus Climate Board Of Advisors

- ~~1. **Name.** This board shall be called the Campus Climate Board of Advisors~~
- ~~2. **Purpose.** The Purpose of the Campus Climate Board of Advisors is to:~~
  - ~~1. To ensure critical, transparent, and productive conversations are held between the student body and the Student Government Association’s three branches (the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Campus Activities Council, the Graduate Student Senate, and the Executive Cabinet) regarding various pieces of legislation, events, initiatives or any other aspect.~~
  - ~~2. Bring together different student organizations across campus to collaborate with the following SGA leadership: Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of the Campus Activities Council, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and the SGA President.~~
- ~~3. **Coordinator**~~
  - ~~1. The Coordinator of the Campus Climate Board of Advisors will be appointed by the leaders of the three SGA branches: the Student Body President, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of the Campus Activities Council, and Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.~~
  - ~~2. Responsibilities: The Coordinator shall run and organize the boards meetings, compile the agenda for each meeting and distribute it to the board members, track membership attendance, and issue one campus climate survey per year.~~
  - ~~3. Requirements: The Coordinator must be a full time student at the University of Oklahoma and must be enrolled for the full academic year following their appointment.~~

#### **~~4. Membership~~**

- ~~1. The advisory board shall be comprised of one internally designated representative from the following organizations:
  - ~~1. American Indian Student Association~~
  - ~~2. Asian American Student Association~~
  - ~~3. Association of Transfer Students~~
  - ~~4. Black Student Association~~
  - ~~5. CAC Community Experience Coordinator~~
  - ~~6. Chair of the Campus Activity Council~~
  - ~~7. Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress~~
  - ~~8. Chair of the Graduate Student Senate~~
  - ~~9. Disability Inclusion and Awareness~~
  - ~~10. Hispanic American Student Association~~
  - ~~11. Housing Center Student Association~~
  - ~~12. Independent Greek Council~~
  - ~~13. Interfraternity Council~~
  - ~~14. International Advisory Committee (allotted two seats on the committee)~~
  - ~~15. SGA Congress Human Diversity Committee Chair~~
  - ~~16. SGA Senate Human Diversity Committee Chair~~
  - ~~17. Member from the SGA Department of Inclusivity~~
  - ~~18. Multicultural Greek Council~~
  - ~~19. Muslim Student Association~~
  - ~~20. National PanHellenic Greek Council~~
  - ~~21. OU Hillel~~
  - ~~22. Panhellenic~~
  - ~~23. Queer Student Association~~
  - ~~24. Student Athlete Advisory Committee~~
  - ~~25. Student Veteran Association~~~~
- ~~2. The membership of the Campus Climate Board of Advisors can be amended or changed as deemed necessary by the SGA President, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair, Campus Activities Council Chair, and the Graduate Student Chair.~~
- ~~3. Members of the board cannot serve in dual capacity on the board and serve within a high office, with the exception of the heads of SGA branches, as defined by Title I of the Code Annotated, for the Student Government Association.~~
- ~~5. **Terms.** Members will be appointed in the Fall semester and serve a full academic year.~~
- ~~6. **Attendance Policy**~~

- ~~1. Each organization must have a representative present at all meetings. If unforeseen circumstances arise the board members shall send a proxy member from their organization.~~
- ~~2. If a representative from the organization fails to meet the attendance requirement, it is the duty of the coordinator to inform the organization.~~
- ~~3. In the event a representative fails to meet the attendance requirement, disciplinary action determined by the board at the first official meeting shall be enforced and upheld by the board as a whole.~~

#### **~~7. Meeting~~**

- ~~1. The Campus Climate Board of Advisors will meet at least once a month throughout the academic calendar.~~
- ~~2. The board may be called to meet in addition to their monthly meeting if deemed necessary by at least ten (10) members of the board.~~
- ~~3. Meetings are open to all student s at the University of Oklahoma.~~

#### **~~8. Responsibilities~~**

- ~~1. Bring specific issues pertaining to each student group to the attention of the three SGA branches.~~

- ~~2. Advise the three SGA branches on legislation, programming events, and all other initiatives pertaining to diversity and inclusion on campus in order to allow for the voices of different students across campus to be represented in SGA branches.~~
- ~~3. Release monthly press releases regarding the current campus climate.~~
- ~~4. Suggest measures to promote inclusion and community on campus.~~

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

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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 CXIII

February 18, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS25

February 20, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-02  
SENATE RESOLUTION GS25-08

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Recognizing the month of  
February as Black History Month; and providing for  
distribution.

- Whereas: Black History month is celebrated in the month of February; and
- Whereas: Black History Month was federally established through Congress in 1986 in Public Law<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: The month of February was chosen to honor the birthdays of Fredrick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln<sup>2</sup>; and
- Whereas: Black History Month is also used to educate the American public on the challenges of Black/African American/ Members of the African Diaspora people have faced throughout history and today; and
- Whereas: Black History month is used to promote the identity culture, and the contributions of Black/African American/members of the African diaspora people have faced throughout history and today; and
- Whereas: In the Fall of 2024 1,692 students or 5.5% of The University of Oklahoma's student body who was enrolled identified as Black and African American students<sup>3</sup>; and
- Whereas: Black/African American/Members of the African Diaspora students are often underrepresented in higher education<sup>4</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> DOD, *Nation Celebrate Black History Month*. (2024). U.S. Department of Defense.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Feature-Stories/Story/Article/2912763/dod-nation-celebrate-black-history-month/>

<sup>2</sup> *Honoring Legacy and Service During Black History Month | VA Bedford health care | Veterans Affairs*. (2025, February 5). Veterans Affairs. <https://www.va.gov/bedford-health-care/stories/honoring-legacy-and-service-during-black-history-month/>

<sup>3</sup> *Enrollment Summary Report Fall 2024*, Institutional Research & Reporting, Sept. 2024, [www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Enrollment Statistics/Enrollment Summaries/Fall/Enrollment Summary FA24.pdf](http://www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Enrollment%20Statistics/Enrollment%20Summaries/Fall/Enrollment%20Summary%20FA24.pdf). Accessed 11 Feb. 2025.

<sup>4</sup> *Underrepresentation of Black and Latino Undergraduates at America's Most Selective Private Colleges and Universities*. (n.d.). Ithaka S+R. <https://sr.ithaka.org/publications/underrepresentation-of-black-and-latino-undergraduates-at-americas-most-selective-private-colleges-and-universities/>

- Whereas: Educational institutions have historically been biased or inaccurate on the retelling of American Black History due to systematic discriminatory structures and beliefs; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma promotes Diversity on its campus, meaning that "all individuals and viewpoints are represented and included"; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma also promotes Inclusion, meaning that, "all have a sense of belonging in our environment of cultivated respect and care"; and
- Whereas: Celebrating Black/African American/Members of the African Diaspora students and their history recognize the contributions these students have given to The University of Oklahoma and ensuring they are not overlooked; and
- Whereas: The recognition of Black History Month brings awareness and discussion on the history of Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora Americans, not only at The University of Oklahoma, but also across the nation; and
- Whereas: Accurate stories and discussion of Black history and cultures help to reduce stigma, giving the opportunity for more inclusive environments; and
- Whereas: Recognizing Black History Month also gives way to recognizing the Black/African-American/Members of the African Diaspora faculty and staff that serve as role models for the community at The University of Oklahoma; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Black History Month Resolution of 2025”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the month of February as Black History Month.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes and honors the Black/African American/ Members of the African Diaspora students at The University of Oklahoma in addition to their culture and heritage.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress condemns any laws and policies that previously or currently suppress, or harm individuals recognized within this resolution.
- Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr, University of Oklahoma
  - Angelique Price, Coordinator of the African American Programs and Services
  - Ronnie Nuqui, President of the Multicultural Greek Council
  - Aerial Hobson, Multicultural Greek Council and National Panhellenic Council Advisor
  - Kayla Nealy, President of the Black Student Association
  - Eric Stevenson, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
  - Anita Holloway, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents

- Natalie Shirley, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Rick Nagel, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Robert Ross, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- John Braught, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Kenneth Waits, Member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- André-Denis Wright, Provost of the University of Oklahoma

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Action taken by Congress: 31-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_