

1 **The Oklahoma Student Government Association**

2 **Constitution**

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4 **Preamble**

5 We, the students of Oklahoma’s institutions of Higher Education, in order to provide a stable
6 network of communication among the institutions of higher education in the State of Oklahoma,
7 support dialogue between these institutions, recommend change that will benefit the students of
8 higher education, and promote civic engagement, do ordain and hereby establish this Constitution for
9 the Oklahoma Student Government Association.

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11 **Article I**
12 **Membership**

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14 **Section 1.** The membership of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, hereafter OSGA,
15 shall consist of all Oklahoma colleges and universities, their respective student governments, and
16 their respective student populations.

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18 **Section 2.** All member institutions shall be required to pay annual membership dues as set by
19 congress, in order to remain in good standing with OSGA.

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21 **Section 3.** The OSGA shall not discriminate against any individual or institution on the basis of race,
22 color, age, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

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24 **Section 4.** All students entitled to membership within the OSGA shall have the right to attend all
25 open meetings of the OSGA, the right to petition all bodies within the OSGA, the right to apply for
26 office within the OSGA, and the right to author and introduce legislation.

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28 **Section 5.** All member SGA’s shall have the right to three Voting Delegates at each congress,
29 representation on the Council of Student Body Presidents the right to author and introduce
30 legislation, and the right to officially appoint or designate delegates to both congress and COSP.

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32 **Section 6.** Member institutions shall have the right to designate official delegations or delegates for
33 participation in all activities of the OSGA.

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35 **Section 7.** All rights as outlined within this constitution are subject to reasonable time, agenda, and
36 conduct requirements.

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38 **Article II**
39 **The Legislature**

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41 **Section 1.** The Legislative powers of the OSGA shall be vested in the OSGA Congress while it is in
42 session. When congress is not in session the Council of Student Body Presidents shall be the
43 representative of Congress and act on its behalf.

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45 **Section 2.** The OSGA Congress shall be composed of delegates from each member institution of
46 higher education.

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48 **Section 3.** The Congress shall convene at least twice during a legislative session, once in the fall and
49 once in the spring.

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51 **Section 4.** The time, date, and place of Congress shall be set by the OSGA Board of Directors, and
52 be subject to appropriate appeals to the Council of Student Body Presidents.

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54 **Section 5.** The powers and duties of the OSGA Congress shall be to consider all presented legislation
55 submitted by members and member institutions, to appropriate monies and resources as appropriate
56 and in-line with this organizations purpose and mission, to represent its member institutions by
57 policy or proclamation, and to confirm appointments of all officers and officials of this organization.

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59 **Section 6.** The OSGA Congress shall have the power to establish all committees, councils, or other
60 subsidiary bodies as necessary to conduct the business of this organization.

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62 **Section 7.** Quorum shall be constituted by the members present at a stated meeting of the legislature.

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64 **Article III**
65 **The Council of Student Body Presidents**

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67 **Section 1.** The Council of Student Body Presidents, hereafter COSP, shall be composed of all
68 Presidents of member institutions or their official designees.

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70 **Section 2.** The COSP shall have the power and authority of the legislature when it is not officially in
71 session.

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73 **Section 3.** The COSP shall select a new chair at the beginning of each fall semester in the manner it
74 chooses. In the absence of a chair the OSGA Vice-President will preside over the selection process.

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76 **Article IV**
77 **The Executive**

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79 **Section 1.** The OSGA shall have the following offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer,
80 Secretary, Communications Director, and regional directors.

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82 **Section 2.** The election of all officers shall be at the OSGA Spring Congress. Three (3) voting
83 delegates from each member institution shall cast votes for the election of the President, Vice-
84 President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Director.

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86 **Section 3.** Each Regional Director will be elected by voting delegates from their respective region.

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88 **Section 4.** OSGA President

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90 The Executive Power of the OSGA shall be vested in the President of the OSGA. The president of
91 the OSGA, with the advice and consent of Congress or its designee, shall have the power to appoint
92 vacant offices within the OSGA Board of Directors, the Student Advisory Board, or any cabinet
93 positions as deemed necessary for the proper administration of the OSGA.
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95 **Section 5. OSGA Vice-President**
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97 The Vice-President of the OSGA shall act as the President in the absence, incapacitation, or removal
98 of the president, and shall, with the advice and consent of the COSP, become president and serve the
99 remainder of the term in the event of the Presidents permanent removal or resignation.

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101 The Vice-President, or his designee, shall call into session all meetings of Congress.
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103 The Vice-President shall be responsible for all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the
104 President.
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106 **Section 6. OSGA Secretary**
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108 The OSGA Secretary shall be the custodian of all records pertaining to the OSGA, and be responsible
109 for all official records necessary for the effective administration of this organization. The secretary
110 shall be responsible for the keeping of the minutes of the board of directors, and their appropriate
111 preservation and dissemination.
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113 The Secretary shall also be responsible for the effective compliance with the Oklahoma Open
114 Records Act.
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116 The Secretary shall be responsible for all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the
117 President.
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119 **Section 7. OSGA Treasurer**
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121 The OSGA Treasurer shall be responsible for the effective administration of all financial matters of
122 the OSGA. The OSGA Treasurer shall be responsible for the effective reporting of all financial
123 matters to the OSGA, and shall provide said reports to the OSGA Secretary for archiving.

124 The Treasurer shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, sign all OSGA checks. In the
125 absence of the Treasurer the President shall sign all OSGA checks.
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127 The Treasurer shall be responsible for all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the
128 President.
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130 **Section 8. OSGA Communications Director**
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132 The OSGA Communications Director shall be responsible for the publication and dissemination of
133 all public communication, all matters of public images, performing research tasks as requested by the
134 board or a member of the Council of Student Presidents. The Communication Director shall be
135 responsible for all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.
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137 **Section 9. OSGA Regional Directors**
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139 The OSGA Regional Directors shall be responsible for the effective communication and
140 dissemination of information to the regions, from the regions, or between the regions as appropriate.

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142 The Regional Directors shall be responsible for all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the
143 President.

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145 **Section 10.** OSGA Board of Directors

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147 The Board of Directors shall have the power to develop procedures consistent with the Constitution
148 and By-Laws.

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150 The OSGA Board of Directors shall be responsible for of each Fall Congress.

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152 The Board of Directors shall select the site of each Spring OSGA Congress from the applications
153 submitted by Oklahoma colleges and universities.

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155 Quorum for the Board of Directors shall be those in attendance provided that each OSGA officer and
156 Regional Director was notified (by agenda) of all meetings two weeks prior to the meeting.

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158 All expenditures in excess of one student government association's dues must be approved by a
159 majority vote of the COSP.

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161 **Article V**
162 **The Judiciary**

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164 **Section 1.** There shall be a Student Supreme Court whose sole function is to interpret the
165 constitution, as well as acts of the OSGA, having the final authority to declare constitutionality. Any
166 decision made by the Judiciary may be overturned by a three-fourths (3/4) vote by the full OSGA
167 Congress while it is in regular session.

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169 This five (5) member Supreme Court shall consist of one (1) student from each region that is a
170 member of the Council of Student Presidents, nominated by the OSGA President.

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172 There shall be a Chief Justice, elected from within the court.

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174 The Student Supreme Court shall issue a written opinion regarding their decision.

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176 The Student Supreme Court shall assemble at any meeting of the OSGA Congress and be ready to
177 make decisions related to the OSGA Constitution. Either the Chief Justice, three-fourths (3/4) of the
178 Board of Directors, or nine (9) voting delegates at an OSGA Congress, or a majority vote of the
179 COSP shall have the authority to call the court into session.

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181 **Article VI**
182 **The Student Advisory Board**
183 to the
184 **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education**

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186 **Section 1.** The Voting Delegates from each member student government association shall select the
187 Student Advisory Board as follows:

- 188 • Only one (1) application may be submitted per delegation.
- 189 • Applications shall be turned into the OSGA Secretary during the OSGA Spring Conference.
- 190 • An institution may only vote for candidates within their own tier. The Oklahoma State
191 Regents for Higher Education shall define tiers.
- 192 • Each Student Advisory Board member shall be selected by a majority vote of all members
193 present for the applicant's tier.

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195 **Section 2.** When vacancies occur in the membership of the Student Advisory Board, the OSGA
196 President shall appoint a replacement in keeping with Oklahoma State Statute and with the advice
197 and consent of the COSP.

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199 **Article VII**
200 **Removal of Officers**

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202 **Section 1.** All officers established under this constitution shall be subject to removal, impeachment,
203 for any of the following: neglect of duties, failure to uphold the constitution of the OSGA, misuse of
204 OSGA funds or resources, the use of their title for personal or political gains, or any other action
205 deemed unbecoming or embarrassing of an officer of this organization.

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207 **Section 2.** A majority vote of the OSGA Board of Directors, the OSGA Congress, the OSGA COSP,
208 or the OSGA Supreme Court may initiate impeachment procedures.

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210 **Section 3.** After a public hearing presided over by an impartial chair person, as chosen by congress, a
211 three quarters (3/4) vote of the Congressional body will be required for removal from office.

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213 **Section 4.** An individual removed from office will be ineligible for appointment, election, or any
214 other form of OSGA service for one (1) calendar year following their removal.

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216 **Article VIII**
217 **Amendments**

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219 **Section 1.** Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed as legislation to the OSGA Congress.
220 If the legislation is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the OSGA Congress, it shall then be a
221 proposed amendment.

222 **Section 2.** Any member institution may ratify proposed constitutional amendments, and this
223 constitution, within their respective student bodies. For constitutional amendments, and this
224 constitution, to be ratified, a number equal or in excess of two thirds (2/3) of member institutions
225 present at the Congress must ratify the Constitution within their respective bodies.