

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
September 13, 2015 7:00 P.M.  
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

The meeting is called to order at 7:03.

Call for approval of last meeting's minutes by Senator 27, seconded by Senator 11. The motion passes.

The Chair announces that GSS will be participating in Homecoming. If anyone is interested they are encouraged to contact her. She mentions that Committees will be sorted by next week and a Doodle poll will be sent out to set a time for the executive meeting.

The Vice Chair has no report.

The Secretary announces that she will fix the committee sign in forms as they do not include the newly created sustainability committee. She will also update the list of senators on the website.

None of the committees have anything to report.

GF15-02 (Emergency Allocation 1) is brought to the floor by Senator 85, seconded by Senator 14. It allots \$400 to the Mock Trial Team, \$300 to Common Sense Action Oklahoma, and \$330 to Me Too Monologues. Senator 72 asks why \$300 is listed under office expenses for Me Too Monologues. The author replies that that was for things such as fliers to publicize events.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 57. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GF15-06 (Online Training Removal Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 18, seconded by Senator 21. It would replace the quiz RSO are required to take over appropriate use of funds with a Terms and Conditions page on OrgSync that they would have to electronically sign.

Senator 69 asks why this is being done. The author responds that the quiz was often forgotten by RSOs or at times done but under a different name than that on their application. It was very messy for record keeping.

Senator 77 asks if they will just sign a document or if they could sign off on each section (to better ensure that they understand what they are signing). The author consults with George Ahmadi and confirms that they can.

Senator 14 asks if this will merely replace one form that is not paid attention to with another. The author states that this is a fair criticism, but many resources are already available

for RSOs to educate themselves about the correct use of funds. This document will ensure that when an organization does violate funding guidelines, that they can be referred to the correct section of the document they signed stating this was a violation.

Senator 69 asks what rules for funding there are. The author responds with some examples – RSOs cannot buy alcohol, firearms, trophies. Another common violation is forgetting when applications are due.

Senator 74 asks how often rule violations take place. The author responds that this is a common problem, and takes place quite often. Senator 18 asks if these rules are available to students elsewhere. The author responds that they are available on the web, on a sheet in the Conoco Student Leadership Wing, and SGA hosts a workshop over these rules.

Senator 77 asks if accommodations will be made for the vision impaired. George Ahmadi answers that any accommodation that is needed will be made.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 41, seconded by Senator 99. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GF15-04 (SGA Interim Vice President Appointment Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 20, seconded by Senator 11. In this legislation, Avery Marczewski is to be appointed the Vice President of SGA. She has previously served as the Chief of Staff.

Applications were open for one week. 30 people applied, which was narrowed down to 10 people that were called in for interviews. Avery was chosen based on her work experience and interest.

Senator 43 asks what projects and initiatives she will undertake during her tenure. Avery responds that legislation concerning mental health and LGBTQ issues. For instance, there is currently a two week wait in order to see a counselor, and the number of meetings you can have with your councilor are limited. Avery feels that this should be changed. She has also been talking to LGBTQ and veterans to determine what measures would make them feel more welcome on campus. She is also interested in programs such as "Turn up for Transit" and bike sharing. She has been working on these since the first week of school.

Senator 14 asks if Avery has further aspirations after this position. She reports that she is, in fact, graduating in May.

Senator 69 asks what she thought of the chain/no chain debacle last year. Avery chooses not to comment.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 98. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GF15-05 (Student Parking Appeals Court Appointment Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 21. It appoints Stacy Donaldson, Sarah Garfinkle, Somto Iromuanya, Ankita Patel, and Nathan Schmenk as the parking appeals board.

Applications were open for one week. 60 people applied, which was narrowed down to 12 people that were called in for interviews. Then five were chosen from the 12 interviews.

Senator 14 asks what the candidates' current thoughts on granting exceptions are given the current climate. They respond that they are not inclined to give exceptions as the Lloyd Nobel Center has parking available, and they wish to be fair to those who do follow the rules.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 99. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GF15-03 (SGA Superior Court Appointment Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 57. In this legislation Connor Bourland (1<sup>st</sup> year law student), Patrick Donovan (2<sup>nd</sup> year law student), and Reagan Metz (Environmental Science) are to be appointed to the SGA Superior Court. They wish to make certain that all of SGA follows the bylaws.

Applications were made available on OrgSync for a week. Eight people were interviewed, and of the eight, three were selected.

Senator 72 asks for clarification on how many people applied. The author clarifies that only eight people applied.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 14, seconded by Senator 38. None oppose, and the motion passes.

Motion to adjourn made by Senator 45, seconded by Senator 42. None oppose, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:24.