UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 30, 2013 2:30 P.M.

Conoco Student Leadership Wing, Room 181, Conference Room

Call to Order: 2:54 p.m.

Reading & Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2013 Jacob moves, Carrie seconds, no objections.

Officer Reports:

Chair – Sat in on a committee meeting last week, a joint meeting between the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Staff Senate, as well as some other persons, talked about some issues going on, main one that came up was that Faculty Senate has started a process of trying to find a way to set up clickers to where the same clicker works in every class, that is a process that has started.

Vice-Chair – Just wanted to say that we had no problem with people turning in grant applications after the deadline.

Secretary – No Report

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs – No Report

Development & Philanthropy – Not Present

External Affairs – Survey questionnaire has been sent out about funding for the grants.

Human Diversity – Chair needs to fill out form for ribbons for World AIDS Day.

Internal Affairs – No Report

Problems & Projects – Not Present

Public Relations – Not Present

Ways & Means – Grant grading is Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Special Orders: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

GF13-11 A Concurring Resolution Commending the Response of Several Entities for 2013 Disaster Relief; and Directing Distribution

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Maggie moves, Peter seconds, no objections.

[Some discussion regarding this resolution.]

Move to Send to Floor with Do Pass Recommendation- Carrie moves, Shayne seconds, no objections.

GF13-12 Emergency Allocation Act #4

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Shayne moves, Jacob seconds, no objections.

[Some discussion regarding this bill.]

Move to Send to Floor with Do Pass Recommendation- Shayne moves, Peter seconds, no objections.

GF13-13 Emergency Allocation Act #5

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Jacob moves, Shayne seconds, no objections.

Jacob- To explain the history behind it, the student bar association applied for their primary funding in the spring, but they missed the deadline for subsidiary funding as the website said that the application was due a week later than it was due. According to the standing rules, whatever information is on the website has to be up to date, with that said, they received four emails with the date it was due and never questioned those emails. They simply turned in the application late. There was a discrepancy between what was online and the actual date, yet they received numerous communications from the university.

[Some discussion about this bill.]

Move to Send to Floor with No Recommendation- Jacob moves, Maggie seconds, no objections.

GF13-14 Emergency Allocation Act #6

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Peter moves, Jacob seconds, no objections.

[Some discussion regarding this bill.]

Move to Send to Floor with No Recommendation- Shayne moves, Peter seconds, three objections- Jacob, Carrie, and Maggie.

[Three persons were opposed to sending it to the floor with No Recommendation and three persons were in favor of sending it with such a recommendation.]

Chair- It is up to me to decide since there is a tie. We will send this bill to the floor with a Do Pass recommendation.

GF 13-15 Student Organization Subsidiary Appropriation Act of 2013

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Shayne moves, Maggie seconds, no objections.

Chair- This money is budgeted when money is budgeted in April. This is from money that groups don’t spend. This is leftover money from last year. This is for the organizations that weren’t onboard for a full year, could not get initial appropriations.

[Some discussion regarding this bill.]

Move to Send to Floor with Do Pass Recommendation- Jacob moves, Carrie seconds, no objections.

GF 13-16 Contingency Fund Act of 2013

Motion to Bring Before Committee- Shayne moves, Shawn seconds, no objections.

Chair- This doesn’t appropriate any money. We have funding called contingency funds. We didn’t spend all of our money so it moves into a contingency fund. Congress wants to cap that at $8,000 for any organization. Any left over $8,000 would go back to the original fund. We have $35,000 for travel grants and $10,000 for research grants. We have about $7,000 in our contingency fund. If this bill goes through, we need to be sure we have no money in the contingency fund so they can’t take it from us.

[Some discussion about this bill.]

Chair- It seems to me like in a lot of areas this works, but if you’re trying to be fiscally responsible and save some money, now they are saying you can’t do that anymore.

[More discussion about this bill.]

Jacob- Parliamentary inquiry. Do we have a way of voting it down now? I’m not clear on this. Can we do something that will send it back to Congress?

[George is brought into the room and discusses the range of options that can be taken.]

[Some more discussion about this bill.]

Motion to table the bill until next meeting- Jacob moves, Carrie seconds, no objections.

GF 13-17 Parking Lot Funding Act of 2013

Chair- This bill here basically says that no longer can SGA funds be used to pay for parking for anybody.

[Some discussion regarding this bill.]

Motion to table the bill until the next meeting- Peter moves, Jacob seconds.

Chair- Anything else?

Jacob- Are adjunct faculty represented in the Faculty Senate?

Chair- I would imagine so.

Jacob- Do adjunct faculty have representation?

Chair- Yeah, I think so. Anything else?

Announcements:

[Although not formally announced, there will be a General Assembly meeting this upcoming Sunday at the standard time with committee meetings beforehand.]

Adjournment – Shayne moves, Maggie seconds, no objection, Meeting adjourned 3:48 p.m.