**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**October 20, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

**Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235, Conference Room**

**Call to Order**- Jerry Overton 7:01 P.M.

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes:** Move to approve Sen. 28, second Sen. 45. No objections, minutes of 10/13/13 are approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chair**-NR

**Vice Chair**- NR

**Secretary**- NR

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic Affairs**- NR

**Development and Philanthropy**- NR

**External Affairs**- The survey that we are sending out is still in progress. We will send it out to the chair and vice chair. We are trying to figure out exactly which departments have external funding for travel grants in addition to the travel grant that we offer. Some departments require students to apply for this travel grant in order to receive departmental funding. We are trying to get travel grants in a standardized, centralized format. Some departments do not have departmental funding for graduate students and some do. We are trying to even out the funding process.

**Human Diversity**- NR

**Internal Affairs**- NR

**Problems and Projects**- We are trying to plan a potluck for the last session with human diversity.

**Public Relations**- NR

**Ways and Means**- Grant applications are due this Friday by noon in the GSS office. Be sure you turn them in on time. Anyone after that time will not be considered.

**Special Orders:**

Jerry- Are there any comments or any issues to bring up?

Senator 54- I received a copy of the resolution from the Undergraduate Student Congress and they asked it is shared so I will put it in an email that will be distributed to all the senators.

Senator 39- Two meetings ago we had the librarians in. One graduate student has sent around a petition to get the embargo extended. The university will work with individual departments regarding the embargo although the departments will have the final say.

Jerry- Is there any other issue that should come before us this evening?

**Old Business:**

Nothing in Old Business.

**New Business**

GF13-09 Concurring Resolution Thanking Nicole Pharaoh

Move Senator 45, second Senator 6, bill brought to floor.

[Coauthors of bill discuss the contributions of Nicole Pharaoh and her dedication. The resolution thanks her for her service.]

Jerry- Any questions or any discussion?

Motion to pass by unanimous consent- Senator 5, second Senator 75, no objections, bill passes.

GF 13-10 Emergency Allocation #3

Move to bring to the floor Senator 86, second Senator 92, bill brought to floor.

[Author discusses the bill]

Senator 2- Any specifics as to the program events for the committees asking for money?

[Author discusses expenditures for groups that would receive funding]

Senator 75- What is the remaining balance for emergency allocations?

Author- There is about 17,000 dollars left.

Senator 54- On clarification. Is this for the academic or fiscal year?

Author- It is for this fiscal year.

Jerry- Other questions? Any discussion?

Motion to pass by unanimous consent- Senator 20, second Senator 75, no objections, bill passes

**Announcements:**

Chair- That is the agenda for this evening. Is there anything else that we should be discussing tonight before we adjourn? A reminder, our next meeting will be on November 3 at 7:00 with committees at 6:30 and please remind your departments that the deadline for everybody to get their apps in for the grants is going to be this Friday at noon. Chair will entertain a motion that we adjourn.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Senator 87, second 45, no objections.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:11 p.m.