

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2015
11:00 P.M.
Graduate Student Life, Conference room

Meeting called to order at 11:00.

The motion to approve last week's minutes is called by Senator 86, and seconded by Senator 76. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The Chair welcomes everyone back from the break. She mentions that Development and Philanthropy has been working with Positive tomorrows and should make a press release soon. Also, without a survey being issued, the busses now run until 10:00. The Chair mentions that transportations seems very willing to work out any concerns that GSS has.

The Chair also mentions that GSS has some extra money to throw an event, such as dinner or trivia. We can collect money at the event in the form of tickets or donations, and then give the proceeds to Positive Tomorrows or another charity.

The chair also informs us that we may see legislation at the next meeting appointing the President and Vice President for directors for undergraduate student congress.

The Vice Chair has yet to be elected (and thus has nothing to report).

The Secretary and Academic Affairs have nothing to report.

Development & Philanthropy they held a teachers development day for the teachers at Positive Tomorrows, teaching the teachers about object based learning. This workshop went over well, and the teachers look forward to working with GSS more.

External Affairs and Human Diversity have nothing to report.

Internal Affairs reports that they will be handling the elections for VC, and will create a ballot.

Problems & Projects has nothing to report.

Public Relations mentions the GSS Facebook and Twitter page are now operational and an extra means of communication with Senators (but email will still be the main means of communication).

Human Diversity reports that there will be a graduate student conference in the Philosophy Department on February 7th. It is suggested that he talks about it to George Ahmadi, so that he could send out an announcement to the entire university.

Ways and Means Has nothing to report.

The Vice Chair mentions that the Graduate Student Life twitter may be another useful means of communication with Grad Students. It is noted that their webpage is pretty active.

Shayne of the Internal Affairs Committee goes into more detail on how the elections will be run. There are three candidates – Hunter Brunwald, Rhiannon Griffin, and Nick Pokorny. They will be given up to 5 minutes to speak to the body about why they are qualified, have 10 minutes where questions may be asked of them (relevant to their ability to serve as Vice Chair). Questions must be directed at all candidates. Follow up questions will be handled as they arise. Then the candidates will leave the room and the vote will be taken. It is decided that as the vote should be a placard vote, the ballot will be pictures of the candidates with their names projected to the entire room (so that people will be certain they are voting for the right candidate).

The Chair mentions that we may or may not have an impeachment coming before the Senate from Student Congress. The Student Body President was arrested on a public intoxication charge.

The motion to adjourn is made by Senator 76 and Senator 33. No one objects and the meeting is adjourned at 11:25.