

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2015
11:00 P.M.
Graduate Student Life, Conference room

The meeting is called to order at 11:01.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The chair reports that GSS will be hosting a science day for Positive Tomorrows on Tuesday, April 7th. The kids range from 5-12, and there will be about 50 of them. Our goal is to show what is available in higher education. The weather center has been contacted to give demonstrations, and the Sam Noble History Museum people will be contacted. Hopefully, there will be time for a tour of the university, and we can give them t-shirts.

The Chair will have a meeting later about the budget for GSS. She is allotting money for two meals, a benefit day and night, an awards banquet, and a panel discussion. She will also discuss the budget for grants, and request ten thousand more than last year.

The Vice Chair reports that he attended a Graduate Council meeting where the Chemistry department made exciting changes to it's program. The required coursework is more modular, consisting of 2 hour courses that run for ten weeks, and one hour courses that run for five weeks. The business college has successfully implemented this program in the past. This is intended to speed up coursework, so that research begins sooner. The Vice Chair also reports working on updating the email list, and would like a list of departments in bad standing (so that grants from departments in bad standing are not considered).

The Secretary has nothing to report.

Academic Affairs and Development and Philanthropy have nothing to report. External Affairs reports that they would like more space for their emails, rather than the current limit of 2 GB. It is suggested that they talk to OUIT.

Human Diversity reports that they will meet with Kathy Moxley about the pane they wish to put on. Also, the people who work on Sooner Mosaic might be helpful (and Zarrow Hall might be a good place to host it).

Internal Affairs, Problems & Projects, and Public Relations have nothing to report.

Ways and Means report that grant applications are due on March 6th.

GS15-06 (Survey Codification Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 86. It is noticed that Surveys only go out during elections. It is suggested that section (g) be struck. The legislation is referred to the Internal Affairs Committee by Senator 72, Seconded by Senator 59. The motion passes.

GS15-07 (Emergency Allocation Act #8) is brought to the floor by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 59. It is recommended to pass by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-08 (Code Annotated Redistricting Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 86, seconded by Senator 88. It is recommended to pass by Senator 83, seconded by Senator 76. No one objects, and the motion passes.

It is mentioned that GSS should have pictures of the Senators on the Website. The Secretary will act on this.

OU Daily will not send a correspondent to attend meetings, as they do not serve the graduate student population (apparently).

GS15-09 and GS15-10 (Concurrent Resolution Responding to HB1380, and Concurrent Resolution Responding to SB650 respectively) are brought to the floor by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 72. The legislation is referred to the External Affairs Committee by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 72. The motion passes. HB1380 and SB50 will be attached to the next email going out to the Senate.

Another resolution we should expect to see is a resolution condemning SB523. The Senate Bill would equate housing illegal immigrants or undocumented persons to human trafficking.

GS15-11 (Emergency Allocation Act #9) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 86. It is recommended to pass by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 72. No one objects, and the motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Senator 59, Seconded by Senator 88. No one objects, and the meeting is adjourned at 11:45.