

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2015
11:00 P.M.
Graduate Student Life, Conference room

Meeting called to order at 11:03.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 76. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The Chair reminds everyone about the Science day that will take place on April 7th. She needs to know what departments will be involved and which tables will need electricity. Elections will be opened at the next meeting, and the meeting after that we will elect and swear in the new candidates.

The Vice Chair mentions that in Graduate Council, a coursework only master's option is being discussed. If it is approved, it will be available on a department by department basis, and then on a case by case basis. There have been no official changes, but this discussion is ongoing.

The Secretary announces that she is gathering pictures of Senators.

Human Diversity is working on a panel about in response to the SAE incident on implicit bias. It is suggested that T. Elon Dancy might be a good person to coordinate on this, as well as Gender Studies and International Studies.

Internal Affairs announces that the elections will be opened up next meetings, and nomination forms will be due on Friday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Problems and Projects is thinking about forming a new committee called the sustainability committee.

Public Relations will need to form releases about Science Day as well as the Graduate Student Awards.

Ways and Means reports that the first round of grant grading is done – Out of 140 ish grants, 101 have made it to the next round. There will be a bill by the last meeting, though grant grading and awarding will ideally be finished before then.

GS15-12 (A Resolution Regarding Diversity) is brought to the floor by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 76. It is mentioned that it is almost identical to the original one that was passed with very few adjustments (it takes out references to OU Unheard). Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 6. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-17 (Emergency Allocation #11) is brought to the floor by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 59. It allocates \$160.00 to the Bolivian International Student Association. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 6. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-18 (Polling Location Act of Spring 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 86, seconded by Senator 6. It makes Polling Locations for the upcoming elections – namely the Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court, Couch Restaurants, Bizzell Memorial Library, and the University of Oklahoma Law School. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 86. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-19 (Uncontested Elections Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 86. The act clarifies that even if a candidate is running in an uncontested election, their name must appear on the ballot. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-20 (Congress Keeps You Charged) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 6. It allocates Money for chargers at the Bizzell Library for laptops. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 33. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-21 (We'll Buy it Ourselves Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 33, seconded by Senator 6. The Chair mentions that we should keep the questions on topic and respectful. Motion to send to the floor with a no recommendation made by Senator 86, seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Senator 6, seconded by 59. No one objects, and the meeting is adjourned at 11:45.