

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2015
11:00 P.M.
Graduate Student Life, Conference room

The meeting is called to order at 11:00.

Call for the approval of last meetings minutes made by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 87. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The chair announces that the Positive Tomorrows event went really well. We will receive pictures of the event. Also, Academic Affairs will award winners for the awards of Outstanding Graduate Student, Outstanding TA, and Outstanding GA.

Senate will be seeing the "We'll Buy it Ourselves Act of 2015." It received a due pass in the joint committee. Also, the Chair of Congress has resigned, and Connor Borlen is the acting Chair.

The Vice Chair reports that the other institutions that offer coursework only master's degrees offers them only in engineering. There will likely be a vote about this issue at the May meeting. Also, there has been at least one volunteer to serve on Graduate Council next year. There are still two open seats.

The Secretary announces that the picture of Chuthulu has been selected.

Academic Affairs has nothing to report.

Development and Philanthropy is pleased with the way the Positive Tomorrows event went.

External Affairs has nothing to report.

Human diversity reports that they will email multicultural groups about a forum to be held April 14th in the Baird Lounge.

Internal Affairs reports that they have two nominees, one for Chair and one for Secretary. The dynasty will continue.

Problems and Projects wants to create a Sustainability Committee. We will see the legislation later today .

Public Relations has nothing to report.

Way any means reports that they are not yet ready with Grant legislation, but are done with the grading. Ther surrect stae of affairs is -

Conference Grant Applications: 112

Conference Grant Accepted: 75 (67%)

Conference Grant Fund: \$17,176.32

Conference Grants Awarded: \$29,686.30

Research Grant Applications: 31

Research Grant Accepted: 29 (93%)

Research Grant Fund: \$5,625.00

Research Grant Awarded: \$13,134.71

Contingency Fund: \$30,765.08

Contingency Awarded: \$20,017.09 (\$12,509.98 for Conference + \$7,507.11 for Research)

Contingency Remaining: 10,747.99

Primary Funding 2014-2015: \$45,000.00

Primary Funding 2015-2016: \$55,000.00

GS15-22 (Sustainability Committee Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 33. The author mentions that he feels the issues and interest in sustainability merits its own committee. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 72, seconded by Senator 33. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS 15-23 (Secretary Compensation Act), GS15-24 (An Act Amending the Salaries and Stipends Revision), and GS15-27 (Office Hour and Stipend Codification Act) are brought to the floor as a black by Senator 59, seconded by senator 87. They deal with the same issues – GF15-23 would raise the pay of the secretaries of Congress and Senate, GF15-24 would raise the salaries of SORO offices and the SGA webmaster. GS15-27 would relate the pay that officers receive to the hours that they serve. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 86, seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-25 (An Act Amending the 2014-15 Conoco Center Space Allocation Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 86, Seconded by Senator 33. It allocates office space and storage space to registered student organizations. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 86. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-26 (Freshman Council Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, Seconded by Senator 33. This act adds responsibilities to the position of Freshman Council. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 86. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-28 (Congressional Initiatives Fund Codification Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 83, seconded by Senator 33. This act solidifies that Congressional Initiative Funds can only be used with an act of legislation. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 86, Seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-29 (Polling Fairness Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 72, Seconded by Senator 59. This act randomizes the order in which names appears on online ballots. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 86. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-30 (Emergency Allocation #12) is brought to the floor by Senator 72, Seconded by Senator 59. It gives Sooner Tennis @80 and Student Film Production Club \$300. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-31 (2015-2016 Primary Allocations) and GS15-32 (2015-2016 Primary Allocations) is brought to the floor by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 86. They allocate primary funding to RSOs and SGA branches. GSS grants will get \$10,000 more than last year. Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 72, Seconded by Senator 33. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-33 (Blue Book Accessibility Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 86, Seconded by Senator 33. It will provide free bluebooks at the dorms for finals week. There are question as to if the students who need bluebooks will be helped by this act. Motion to send to the floor with no recommendation made by Senator 86, Seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-34 (State of the SGA and Inauguration update Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 87. It makes the inauguration of the SGA chair take place at the last meeting instead of at a separate event Motion to send to the floor with a do pass made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 59. No one objects, and the motion passes.

Call for adjournment made by Senator 33, Seconded by Senator 59. The meeting adjourns at 11:42.