

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
September 7, 2014
7:00 P.M.
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

Meeting called to order at 7:09

The is nothing to report from the Chair, Vice Chair, the Secretary, Academic Affairs, Development & Philanthropy, External Affairs, Human Diversity, Internal Affairs, Problems and Projects, and Public Relations.

The Ways and Means committee reports that more information about grant writing and revision will be up next week on Tuesday on the GSS website. Gant applications will be due on Friday, October 10, at 12:00. This information will be available both on the application and on the internet.

The senate tables a presentation by Dean Williams, as he is absent. This motion is made by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 87

The matter of Graduate Student Council is brought up. Two nominees from the Senate are needed to serve on this council. The council makes decisions that affect graduate programs – changes in content of courses, names of programs, as well as changes in programs of study are overseen by this council. They meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00-5:00. It is an important subcommittee for graduate students to have a voice in.

The current Vice Chair has volunteers to be on this committee. His nomination is approved by unanimous consent (motioned by Senator 89, and seconded by Senator 88).

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-07 (Emergency Allocation #1) is brought to the floor by Senator 86, and seconded by Senator 72. It allots \$412 to the Graphic Design Club and \$250 to the Pre-Law Club. Senator 2 asks the author of the bill why the Graphic Design Club needs \$412. The author responds that this is to cover the expenses of their meetings. The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 79 and seconded by senator 86. No one opposes, and the motion passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-08 (SGA Directors Appointment Act)) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, and seconded by Senator 88. The SGA president presents directors for appointment – Melanie Foster and Kendall Burchard are present, the others could not attend. Kylie Frisby, Drew Boone, Melanie Foster, Krishna Manohar, and Kendall Burchard are to be the directors of the Department of Interior, the Department of Exterior, the Department of Communications, the Department of Special Communities, and the Department of Student Organizations respectively. The

applications for the positions were available online during the summer. The directors and cabinet members were chosen at the same time.

The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 75 and seconded by senator 87. No one opposes, and the motion passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-09 (Student Graduation and Retention Task Force Update Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, and seconded by Senator 88. This act is meant to simplify the appointment process of students to this task force which is difficult with the current law. The updated bill would have the president appoint representatives from the Academic Affairs Committee of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress. The author mentions that this committee has been inactive in the past, but the graduate office has shown great interest in having this committee be active again.

Senator 59 asks the author of the bill what our current retention rate of students is. The author does not know.

Senator 72 asks the author of the bill what this committee has done in the past to increase student retention. The author does not know.

The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 59 and seconded by senator 75. No one opposes, and the motion passes

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-10 (SGA Holiday Act of 2014) is brought to the floor by Senator 87, and seconded by Senator 72. The bill would have a student holiday take place on Friday, October 10, 2014. The student body was asked when they would prefer a student holiday, given the other options of the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and the Thursday after Thanksgiving. The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 59 and seconded by senator 45. No one opposes, and the motion passes

There is no old business, or new business. The next meeting is announced to be Sunday, September 21th in Sarkey's Energy Complex, room A235. The Chair mentions that an email containing more information about committees will be sent next week.

The motion to adjourn by is brought forth by Senator 41 and seconded by senator 95. The meeting is adjourned at 7:30 p.m.