

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
September 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Call for approval of last meeting's minutes by Senator 60, seconded by Senator 86. The motion passes.

The Chair states that there will be an informative talk after the general assembly about how to be a senator (for example, how to follow Robert's Rules of Order). Pizza and drinks will be provided.

The Vice Chair mentions that committee chairs are needed. This should be clearly indicated on the committee meeting forms to be turned over at the end of the meeting.

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

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-11 (Election Board Chair appointment act) is brought to the floor by Senator 65, seconded by Senator 13. The SGA president presents Taylor Peterson. There was an open application period, in which twelve applications were received, and three interviews conducted.

Peterson is believed to be qualified having been a candidate for SGA and helping to revise part of title seven (dealing with the election process). He was Vice Chair of Student Congress last year, and in Student Congress for three years. He has ideas for this year's elections, which include increasing media coverage and digitizing the application process.

Senator 65 asks why title seven was revised. It was revised because the voting system (MEEKS) was confusing, and was replaced with a less confusing ranking system. Senator 72 asks for clarification on what was confusing about MEEKS. George responds that it was a system in which no votes are "thrown away", and are rather redistributed to other candidates. It was not a friendly algorithm, as it was iterative.

The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 86 and seconded by senator 6. No one opposes, and the motion passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-12 (Emergency Allocation #2) is brought to the floor by Senator 71, and seconded by Senator 2. In it, the Second Wind Student Group is allocated \$210, and the Soccer Enthusiasts League is allocated \$150.

Senator 14 asks why and the Soccer Enthusiasts League needs to exist. George responds that as the requirements for student clubs are minimal, it is easy to form a club about any particular interest. Senator 87 asks if there were interviews, to which the author says that there were interviews. Senator 2 asks for a breakdown in how funds were allocated.

For the Soccer Enthusiasts League, \$700 of funding was requested - \$550 for insurance and \$150 for field rental, for which the \$150 was allotted. Second Wind Student Group is allocated \$200 for student events and \$10 for office supplies.

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.

The matter of Graduate Student Council is brought up again – James Maner (Senator 46) has volunteered to be on the council. The vice chair mentions that one more person is still needed. The motion to pass his appointment by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 72 and seconded by senator 14. No one opposes, and the motion passes.

The motion to adjourn by is brought forth by Senator 87 and seconded by senator 60. The meeting is adjourned at 7:15 p.m.