

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 5, 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 87, seconded by Senator 88. The motion passes.

The Chair reports that she has recently visited TCU and learned about their Graduate Student Senate. She looks forward to applying some of the things she learned during her visit.

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

Ways and Means report that applications are due on the 17th of October – in years past, it applications would e due on the 10th of October (2nd Friday of October) but as this conflicts with the OU Student Holiday, the deadline was pushed back.

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-15 (Election Board appointment act) is moved from special orders to new business by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 87. It is brought to the floor by Senator 71, seconded by Senator 96. Taylor Peterson, the chair of the election board has found the people he wishes to comprise his election board. Fifteen applications were received, seven interviews were scheduled, and six interviews were held (one person decided to not pursue the position). Of these six people, three were chosen – Ramon Torres (to manage polling), Abbey Taylor (to manage publicity), and Brent Janss (to manage the debates). They all have experience being student leaders in their department and in the broader OU student community.

Senator 65 asks what percentage of students voted last year. Abbey Taylor responds that 3.2% voted last year and 12.2% in the year prior to that. The stark difference is accounted for by the fact that SGA presidential election and the CAC chair election were uncontested last year. Senator 65 follows up with a question about what ideas are had to change this. Taylor responds that by visiting political science classes, and working with student groups such as Young Republicans and Young Democrats, she believes she can boost student enrollment.

Senator67 makes a friendly amendment to list Conner Bourland as a co-author on the act. There is no objection. Senator 61 asks why the friendly amendment was

made. It is clarified by the chair that this is a requirement of acts – they need a congressional co-author.

There is a motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator 72, seconded by Senator 14. There are no objections, and the motion passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-13 (Emergency Allocation Act #3) is brought to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 86. This act allocates \$510 to the Honors Student Association, \$500 to the Air Traffic Control Association, \$662 to the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students, and \$486 to the Oklahoma Association of Transfer Students.

Senator 72 asks why these funds were requested. The author responds that these funds that HSA and OATS both requested the funds to hold social events, and NOMAS requested the funds to attend a conference in Philadelphia. ATCA requested funds to runs their meetings. Subsidiary funding for these events would not be available to these organizations in time, thus why the requested emergency funding

Senator 58 asks if the emergency funds will be reimbursed by subsidiary funds. The author responds with no, but the organizations will not receive subsidiary funding and funds between the two accounts can be transferred, and have been in the past. Senator 69 asks for more information about the HAS event. The author respond that it is a social event put on by the Honors College. Senator 15 asks for more information about the ATCA funding. The author responds that they had request \$100 per meeting and in the act were given half of the requested amount. This will be their funding for the semester

Senator 46 asks for clarification on what emergency funding is. It is clarified that emergency funds are available on a more rolling basis than subsidiary funding, which is meant to be the main source of funds for student groups. Senator 14 asks for more information about the OATS funding. The author responds that the OATS funding will be for the OATStober Fest, a large event for transfer students. OATS has a large student membership. Senator 59 asks how much funding is left in the Emergency account. The author doesn't know. The current plan for allocating emergency funds is to give funds less often, so that the organizations that do receive funding can receive more.

Senator 59 calls for a placard vote, seconded by senator 78. Senator 43 asks for a point of information if the bill will be passed as a whole or with amendments. The chair responds that the bill would be passed unaltered. The votes were as follows:

Pass	Pass (continued)	No Pass	Abstentions
97	60	93	72
83	22	96	23
50	19	65	27
10	11	71	25
6	21	44	2

5	46	52	29
85	41	95	3
87	76	77	
88	39	89	
69	91	48	
97	7	47	
49	66	33	
14	86	34	
20	38	43	
12	37	42	
1	75	58	
59		92	
78		15	
	Total: 34	Total: 18	Total: 7

The majority of the Senate votes to pass the act, and it passes.

The motion to adjourn by is brought forth by Senator 41 and seconded by Senator 33. The meeting is adjourned at 7:33 p.m.