

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
March 8, 2015  
7:00 P.M.  
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

Meeting is called to order at 7:01.

Motion to Approve last meeting's minutes is made by Senator 22, seconded by Senator 27. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The Chair mentions that GSS will be helping put on a Science Day on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 1:30. If a department wishes to participate, they should email the Chair or Development and Philanthropy. Also, not executive meeting was held due to inclement weather, so all of the legislation is in Special orders, and will need to be moved.

The Vice Chair reiterates that legislation is currently in special orders. He also mentions that the next general meeting will not be for another three weeks, to leave Spring break as clear as possible.

The secretary mentions that she will send out an email requesting Pictures for the GSS website in the future.

Academic Affairs reports that the form to nominate someone for Outstanding Graduate Student will be due on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00.

Development and Philanthropy, External Affairs, Human Diversity, Internal Affairs, Problems and Projects and Public Relations have nothing to report.

Ways and Means states that they have gone through the first round of Grant evaluations.

Motion to move all legislation from Special Orders to New Business made by Senator 85, seconded by Senator 46. The motion passes.

Motion to lift GS15-12 (A Resolution Regarding Diversity) from the table to the floor is made By Senator 6, seconded by Senator 46. The author explains that it is a statement on diversity written with the help of Congress, the administration, and Unheard. It states that there should be more comprehensive reporting on the graduation and retention rates of minorities, and more diversity and inclusion programs.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 58, seconded by Senator 52. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-13 (A Resolution on Live On, University) is brought to the floor from Senator 6, seconded by Senator 65. The author explains that 2015 will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of OU. As such, a big fundraising campaign is being launched to raise 500 million dollars, of which 100 million dollars would be allocated to scholarships. The bill is a resolution in support of this fundraising campaign.

Senator 73 asks how the scholarships would be allocated. The author responds that they will be given through the various departments at OU. Senator 72 asks how the University plans on meeting its goals. The author responds that efforts for their fundraising campaign started in 2013 in preparation of this anniversary.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 44, seconded by Senator 6. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-14(GS15-14 Residential Governments Updates Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 5. The author explains that this act updates outdated code for SGA. It changes some names, strikes outdated code, and more aligns the code with current practices.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 95. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-15 (Emergency Allocation #10) is brought to the floor by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 71. It allocates:

\$250.00	Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Student Association
\$450.00	Colleges Against Cancer
\$300.00	German Club

\$200          Society of Chinese Students and Scholars

Senator 95 ask how much money is left to be allocated. The author replies that just under \$7100 is left for emergency allocations.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 41, seconded by Senator 87. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GS15-16 (Spring 2015 Election Survey Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 90, seconded by Senator 11. This act would authorize a survey of the student body, asking if they would be interested in a minor at the Gaylord College of Journalism called "Transmedia."

Senator 95 asks why surveys such as this cannot be done via OUMM, with a link to a survey site provided in the email. The author responds that this survey will be attached to the election, as the previous Survey Codification Act discussed. Senator 58 asks if surveys sent out with the election are more effective than those sent out through OUMM. The author responds that she believes so, as the CAC chair election is popular and contested. Senator 86 asks if there will be any more surveys to be attached to this election. The author responds that no more surveys will be attached, and any additional surveys that are needed would need an emergency clause. It is also revealed that in the last election, 1,273 people voted.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 78, seconded by Senator 86. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The next meeting will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion to adjourn is made by Senator 41, seconded by Senator 52. The motion passed, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:20.