

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 11, 2015 7:00 P.M.
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-23

Meeting called to order at 7:03.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes made by Senator 97, seconded by Senator 27.

The Chair is mentions that next Wednesday, not this Wednesday, the executive committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Sam Noble History Museum. Also, tomorrow is the newly formed Indigenous People's Day – there will be a breakfast at 8:30 on the 5th floor of Dale Hall to help kick off the event. Lastly, grant applications are due on the 16th of this month.

The Vice Chair and Secretary have nothing to report.

Academic Affairs has nothing to report.

Development and Philanthropy reports that they are working with positive tomorrows, and that there will be a toy/supply drive.

External Affairs has nothing to report.

Human Diversity reports Indigenous People's day will happen on the South Oval tomorrow.

Internal Affairs, Problem and Projects, Public Relations and Ways and Means have nothing to report.

Sustainability reports that they will make a detailed survey about transportation that will go out early November.

GF14-12 (Emergency Allocation Act 3) is moved from Special Orders to New Business by Senator 47, seconded by Senator 11 and then move to the floor by Senator 73 seconded by Senator 99. In it Pi Tau Sigma is granted \$250, Chess Club is granted \$300, Students For Liberty is granted \$250, Student Film Production Club is granted \$450, Students For Social Justice is granted \$200 and Computer Science Interview Prep Club is granted \$400.

Senator 72 asks why is is not GF15-?? (is it is legislation taking place in the Fall of 2015). The author responds that this is a typo.

Motion to approve by Unanimous consent is made by Senator 97, seconded by Senator 40. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GS15-07 (A Joint Resolution relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day at the University of Oklahoma; encouraging other institutions to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the University's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of The University of Oklahoma's American Indian and Indigenous community) is brought to the floor by Senator 34, seconded by Senator 85. Sydney Grey mentions that the resolution was amended in Congress to better reflect the current environment state of affairs for native students. She also mentions that there will be a signing ceremony at 9:00 with President Boren. There will be round dancing on the South Oval where all students are welcome, there will be a lecture in the Law Library, a lunch for which one must RSVP, and stick ball.

Senator 71 asks if there is a Facebook page for the event. Sydney Grey responds that there is one (Indigenous People's Day OU). Senator 72 asks what wording was changed. The second to last Whereas clause now reads -

Whereas: The state of Oklahoma has the 2nd largest population of indigenous people in the nation and since 2012 the enrollment rate of Native American students at the University of Oklahoma has decreased significantly, demonstrating the lack of welcoming environment and resources available for Native students; the University of Oklahoma aims to serve, recruit, and retain indigenous people as students, staff, and faculty, Indigenous Peoples' Day will contribute to creating a welcoming environment and informing students about available resources;

Motion to approve by unanimous consent is made by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 21. None oppose, and the motion passes.

GF15-10 (Election Board Appointment Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 27, seconded by Senator 78. As the author is not present, a motion to table the legislation is made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 34. No one opposes, and the motion passes.

GF15-11 is brought to the floor by Senator 57, seconded by Senator 88. In it, Student Association is granted \$100, Latin Dance Club is granted \$300, Latinos Without Borders is granted \$300, Sooner Off Road is granted \$500 and Student Environmental Council is granted \$150.

Senator 11 asks about the state of the contingency fund budget. The author says that there is \$15,137 left and less than \$5,000 has been spent. Senator 47 asks what Sooner Off Road is. The author responds that they are an engineering club that builds off road dune-buggies for competitions, and that the \$500 would go towards competition fees.

Motion to approve by Unanimous consent is made by Senator 99, seconded by Senator 22. None oppose, and the motion passes.

Motion to adjourn made by Senator 91, seconded by Senator 44. None oppose, and the motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 7:32.