

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 25, 2015
7:00 P.M.
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes made by Senator 47, seconded by Senator 45. No one objects, and the motion passes.

The Chair reminds everyone that there will be a meeting in 2 weeks, that grants have been received and are being graded, and that Legislation about bad standing will be seen by this body soon.

The Vice Chair and Secretary have nothing to report.

Academic Affairs has nothing to report

Development and Philanthropy report that they are hosting a Toy Drive for Positive Tomorrows. There will be a flier by next meeting and an online registry at Target.

External Affairs, Human Diversity, Internal Affairs, Problems and Projects have nothing to report.

Pubic Relations reports that people should follow OU grad Student Senate. The chair adds the it is good way to be aware if weather cancellations happen

Ways and Means reports that grant grading is almost done, and we should see a bill at the next meeting.

Sustainability reports that they have created an OU Transportation Survey.

GF15-10 (Election Board Appointment Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 34, seconded by

Senator 99. This act appoints Maggie Marcum, Jake Mazeitis, Blessing Ikpa and Corey Abernathy to the election board. Senator 72 asks about the application process. There was one week of open application where 24 people applied. 22 were interviewed.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 42, seconded by Senator 98.

GF15-13 (Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week Funding Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 48, seconded by Senator 85. (The Body was under the impression that this was GF13-14 (A Resolution Relating to Veterans Week). The author explains that this is a resolution to dedicate a week (that which contains November 11th) to celebrating service persons, past, present and future. There will be ribbons placed along the lamp posts and the POW flag will be flown below the American flag.

Senator 99 asks if there will be any other events that week. There author mentions a ROTC fund raiser, perhaps a 5K. This event will be a bit rushed, unfortunately. Senator 62 ask how many service people are on campus. The author responds that there are 744 self identified veterans, over 3,00 persons use military benefits to pa for school, and there are 220 people in ROTC.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 27.

GF15-14 (A Resolution Relating to Veterans Week) is brought to the floor by Senator 21, seconded by Senator 40. The author explains that this act allots funding to buy ribbons and a POW flag. It is at this time that the error of the body is revealed.

Senator 99 asks how much is being spent on these items. The author responds with \$372.70

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 99, seconded by Senator 47.

GF15-15 is brought to the floor by Senator 100, seconded by Senator 11. The author explains that since OrgSync does not have the capacity to do ranked voting, each person will be allotted a number of votes equal to the number of open positions (so if 5 people are running for 3 seats, each person will be allotted 3 votes). Senator 69 asks how many times people vote, which the author clarifies with the above example. Senator 40 asks if each person has to vote three times – they do not. Senator 69 asks what the process is for these elections. The author explains that the undergraduate student body is divided into districts based on what major they are in. According to the size of the district, there are so many seats allotted. When vacancies happen (after each year term) and election is held to fill the empty seats.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 97, seconded by Senator 57.

GF15-16 is brought to the floor by Senator 91, seconded by Seantor 42. This act placing the polling sites at the Bookmark in the Library, the Union near the radio station, and Outside between Walker and Cate dormitories.

Senator 72 ask if those outside will have a tent. The author responds that they are trying to organize that, and that people can also vote online. Senator 40 asks if the student body will be notified by email, and the author affirms that they will.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 99, seconded by Senator 64.

GF15-17 Election Act of 2015 was mistakenly added to the agenda and will not be seen (it does not exist).

Motion to adjourn made by Senator 21, seconded by Senator 20. The meeting is adjourned at 7:24.