

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
November 22nd, 2015 7:00 P.M.
SARKEY'S ENERGY COMPLEX A-235

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

Call for approval of last meeting's minutes by Senator 100, seconded by Senator 99. The motion passes.

The Chair and the Vice Chair are absent. The Secretary welcomes everyone to the meeting, and says we will get through it together.

Academic Affairs has nothing to report.

Development & Philanthropy report that they have flyers for the Toy drive available, and toys are due on December 10th.

External Affairs, Human Diversity, Internal Affairs and Problems & Projects have nothing to report. Public Relations report that they have tweeted the flyer so that it is more widely available.

Ways and Means and Sustainability have nothing to report.

A motion is made by Senator 40, seconded by Senator 11 to move all acts in Special Orders to New Business. None object, and the motion passes.

GF15-19 (Polling Fairish Act of 2015) is brought to the floor by Senator 98- seconded by Senator 69. The author explains that this act will order names on each ballot using a lottery done by the Election Board.

Senator 69 asks if there is a proven bias. The author responds that he believes that there is one due to informal observation. Senator 11 asks if elections are so close that this makes a difference. The author states that the election is close amongst those who submit a biography and a picture. A follow up question is asked as to why this process would be random. The author responds that it is an attempt to restore a truly fair ballot. Senator 99 asks if this system was used in the last election. The author responds yes- this was because of the change to doing elections via Orgsync instead of by separate voting software.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent is made by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 91. No one objects, and the motion passes.

GF15-26 (Emergency Allocation #6) is brought to the floor by Senator 69, seconded by Senator 91. It allots Anthropology Graduate Student Association \$500, Crimson Chords \$200 Autism Speaks OU \$250, and Sooners for Israel \$400. Senator 72 asks if any of the money given to Autism Speaks OU is for free to the national organization, to which the authors respond that it is not.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 99, seconded by Senator 22. The motion passes.

GF15-27 (Act Clarifying Appointments) is brought to the floor by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 57. As the authors are not present to present their legislation, the motion to table the legislation is made by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 85.

GF15-28 (Economic Review Act Part 1), GF15-29 (Economic Review Act Part 2), GF15-30 (Economic Review Act Part 3) are moved in a block to the floor by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 73. It is legislation that codifies the operating practices of the SGA.

Senator 11 asks how long these changes have been in practice in SGA. The author responds that these have been in practice for the last two years. Senator 86 asks what is the biggest change made by this legislation. The authors respond that they revised the allowable items (that could be paid for with funds from SGA) to include decorations (for multicultural groups).

Motion to pass by unanimous consent made by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 39. The motion passes.

GF15-31 (Survey Reform Act) is brought to the floor by Senator 40, seconded by Senator 18. As the authors are not present to present their legislation, the motion to table the legislation is made by Senator 88, seconded by Senator 44.

The motion to adjourn is brought forth by Senator 20 and seconded by Senator 78. The meeting is adjourned at 7:19 p.m.