

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
December 4th, 2016 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: Senator 77, seconded by Senator 50

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Last meeting of semester and year (applause). Got the toy drive and hopefully we were able to donate to that. Start meetings in spring. If you cannot be a senator next semester please talk to your department. If you are staying on, please just show up.
- Vice-Chair: No report
- Secretary: No report

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: Thank you madam Chair. Congratulated JD on election to SGA president, gave each other high fives for their achievements this semester.
- Development & Philanthropy: Doing toy drive and they have some gifts and they will deliver those to toy drive. Committee is happy to help with this, it is a good thing. Thank you to everyone who helped. If anyone brought a gift please put on table in front.
- External Affairs: Working on projects for spring, will get in touch with City of Norman, local schools, etc.
- Human Diversity : No report
- Internal Affairs: Seeing a bill from them tonight
- Public Relations: Toy drive!
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: No report

Welcome JD Baker, new SGA President: Thank you, he is excited to work with us and excited to work with GSS. He looks forward to working with us to add a new department 'Department of Academic Affairs', to separate student social life from academic life. Thanks for letting him be here.

- Chair calls for motion to move GF16-30 to New Business;
 - Motion made by Senator 40, Seconded by Senator 11.
- GF16-30 A Resolution Addressing the Dakota Access Pipeline
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 100 and seconded by Senator 36
 - Author Carlos Regalado presenting: Carrie also co-authored and did an awesome job. Freshman on student congress and on human diversity committee. There has been a halt on the building of this pipeline and it will be re-routed. This specific resolution is not obsolete because the efforts are effective so far. As a university it is important these students continue to be heard and know SGA is there to support them.
 - Senator 59 motions to pass by unanimous consent
 - Motion seconded by Senator 90.
 - No objections.
 - Motion passes.

- Chair calls for motion to move GF16-31 to New Business
 - Motion made by Senator 43, seconded by Senator 73
- GF16-31 Amendment to Graduate Senate Bylaws
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 5
 - Author Matt Geras presenting:
Resolution defines executive committee as elected officials. There has been an issue of getting quorum at executive committee meetings, and legislation is only sent to executive committee the day it's due to be out
Got out of line that says 'dispose of in a timely manner', and they didn't want there to be confusion on the word 'dispose'.
 - Senator 72, motions to pass by unanimous consent
 - Motion seconded by Senator 19
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- Chair calls for motion to move GF16-32 to New Business
 - Motion made by Senator 48, seconded by Senator 10
- GF16-32 An Act Amending 'An Act of Procedure Approving Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the 2016 Fall Semester'"
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 16
 - Josh Tomlinson, co-author, presenting
 - So this semester the Ways and Means had a unique and unfortunate circumstance. A graduate student passed away after attending a conference before he was able to submit his grant. The committee voted to grade grant and pass the grant to give funds to estate of that student. So, Jackson Pope received \$750.00. The committee is still in discussion about how to handle situations like this in the future and he is open to questions/suggestions.
 - Carrie, point, this is an amendment to last meeting's grants
 - Senator 10 motions to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Motion seconded by Senator 35
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- Chair calls for motion to move GF16-33 to New Business
 - Motion made by Senator 98, seconded by Senator 17
- GF 16-33 Auxiliary Allocation Act # 7
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 91, seconded by Senator 26
 - Ryan Echols, SGA Budget Committee Chair presenting:
 - \$500 allotted to Boomer Rocket Team for hotel costs
 - \$660 allotted to Peruvian Student Association for dance show
 - \$180.46 allotted to Queer Student Association for winter send off program
 - \$500 allotted to Vietnamese Student Association for travel for retreat
 - \$140 allotted for Catalyst for a Better Future for supplies for teaching
 - \$850 allotted for OU Women's Frisbee Team for team costs.
 - Approximately \$9,700.01 left. This gets added to pot of funding for next semester.
 - Senator 59: Is queer student association what used to be called LGBTQ?
 - Senator 78 motions to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Motion seconded by 89
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements: Last meeting, have a good break, See you, hopefully, next semester

Motion to adjourn made by Senator 72, seconded by Senator 22.

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.