

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 2nd, 2017 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 67, Senator 10

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Some reminders: Probation is not supposed to be a punishment; you will retain good standing the current semester and the following semester. It is just to notify you of your attendance, and help encourage continued attendance for all our senators. Feel free to contact us at any time with any questions, but we want to stress that probation does not affect your good standing status and ability to have departmental access to GSS grants. Bylaws, including attendance policy, are all on our GSS website and the executive committee is happy to address any questions and concerns.
- Vice-Chair: Sent out a feedback form on last email. If you're not getting emails let him know so he can add you. IF you had any ideas that you wanted to see happen or any idea on how to make improvements, and any ideas and feedback on how we can better run senate. He really encourages everyone to fill that out.
- Secretary: Reiterate what Carrie said. Probation does not affect access to grants and is supposed to be more of a heads up about attendance rather than a punishment. The goal of GSS is still to encourage inclusion and participation, so we're not trying to jeopardize that or be counterproductive to that goal. However, we do have to have standards. As the secretary, I am paid a stipend from SGA for my duties, which include keeping the minutes and tracking attendance. I don't do it to punish people, but it is what I am asked to do, so please don't get mad at me or the bylaws or the executive committee.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: Have a report! Reminder that outstanding grad student applications are due the 14th. Can be submitted in person or online (there is an online orgsync form)
- Development & Philanthropy: Have supply drive for local students. Flyers are available for this meeting, if people can take one and distribute to respective departments. Carrie has been requested to send flyer out to everyone if people have the ability to print and post around department or send to faculty and staff. They are the ones to help more since they have the funds to purchase supplies. This is a small drive, so anything big or littler will be helpful. That's all. Thank Brian because he contacted committee to help with drive (Applause)
- External Affairs: No report.
- Human Diversity: At this time, like to read a statement from Human Diversity committee in regards to budget bill that we'll be seeing tonight.
 - "Budgets and funding allocations reflect the values and principals of an institution. University of Oklahoma values inclusivity and community-building. Discrimination has no place on our campus. However, due to an unjust state law which binds our

hands as students and freely elected representatives, we cannot stop financial support to religious groups who discriminate. We are here to represent the whole of the student body of this university. We see these legal binds as an affront to our obligations to those we represent. We, therefore, condemn the discriminatory actions of which the fraternity, Brothers Under Christ, has and continues to use to negatively affect our fellow students. Furthermore, we condemn the unjust state law which forces us to pay for such discrimination. We have no choice but to fund this fraternity - to spend our fellow student's money on discrimination - to abandon our fellow student's rights - to fund against the principals upon which this university stands. But, make no mistake; we take this action with the utmost condemnation to the discriminatory practices taking place, as well as the written laws which deny our students their rights."

- Furthermore, we recommend that his bill pass, simply because there are numerous, dozens, of organizations, good organizations that don't discriminate that need their funding and we don't want to deny them their funding because of one discriminatory organization. The human diversity committee will be working on drafting a resolution about condemning the discriminatory actions of some student organizations and the state law that allows public funding to go to organizations with discriminatory values.

- Internal Affairs: no report
- Public Relations: No report
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: No report

Special Orders: Motion to move to New Business by Senator 95, seconded by Senator 111.

GS17-20 Travel-Conference-Research & Creative Exhibition Awards for the 2017 Spring Semester

- Motion to move to floor by Senator 20 , seconded by Senator 35
- Joshua Tomlinson, Chair of Ways and Means. Have graded all grants and want to get this approved tonight. 138 applications this semester. 30 of them were disqualified mostly due to formatting reasons, though some because they applied for spring and should've applied for fall. GSS grants fund both conferences (travel) and research. Majority were for conferences (86 = ~\$38,000). 16 for research (\$4,900). \$43,000 total spent and this committee had \$44,000 this semester. Yield rest of time for questions.
- Senator 74. When you send out disqualification emails, will authors know why they were disqualified?
 - Josh: Typically not, but they can email chair and he can tell them individually. DQ letter is usually generic DQ.
- Senator 93. Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 81.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS17-17 An Act Establishing the It's On Us Taskforce

- Motion to move to floor by Senator 17, seconded by Senator 19
- Kaylee Rains presiding: she is congress chair for UG student congress. Bill to establish this task force for OU. The attended Big 12 conference at WVU last semester and they found out this initiative is already on campus's. Joe Biden started this to end sexual assault on campus

and raise aware of sexual assault on college campus's. This task force will be created under SGA to help connect our students to resources on campus regarding sexual assault and to show that we support raising awareness and ending sexual assault on our campus.

- Senator 60 motion to pass by unanimous consent
- Seconded by Senator 117
- Any objections? No.
- Motion passes.

GS17-18 Auxiliary Funding #11. Motion to move to floor by Senator 44, seconded by Senator 13

- Ryan Echols, Chair of SGA Budget Committee, presiding:
 - \$450 to African Student Association for travel to conference
 - \$1980 to Asian American Student Association for Midwest Asian American students union conference
 - \$150 to Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Student Society for end of year party
 - \$2400 to Hispanic American Student Association for Latino flavor
 - \$4940.25 to International Advisory Committee for eve of nations
 - \$1000 to Kappa Gamma Epsilon for scholarship banquet
 - \$384.08 to Reform University Fellowship for food and drink for weekly meetings
 - \$195 to Sooners Helping Sooners for philanthropy event
 - \$1150 to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for safe sex program
- Lots left in account. Questions?
- Senator 98. Would you say one more time what cost \$5000 ?
 - Ryan: Eve of Nations events. Lots of rentals and food, occurs at Lloyd noble center
- Senator 20. What is the reform university group?
 - Ryan: My understanding is that it's a ministry on campus. Religious student association.
- Senator 107, motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 95.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS 17-19 Auxiliary Funding #12 by Senator 35 and seconded by Senator 60

- Ryan Echols presiding:
 - \$600 to Alpha Phi Alpha for food and beverage
 - \$600 to American Mock World Health Organization for rentals and food
 - \$500 to Brothers Under Christ for yearly philanthropy
 - \$500 to Business Law Society for food and beverage
 - \$500 to Delta Sigma Theta for dues
 - \$275 for Economics Club for rentals and food
 - \$500 for Federal Bar Association for judge to come be a speaker
 - \$475 to Filipino Student Association for culture night
 - \$2295 to HCSA for musicians, décor, food and drink
 - \$3000 to Indian Student Association for rentals and food
 - \$500 to Independent Greek Council for printing
 - \$1,100 to Iranian Student Association for food and beverage
 - \$250 to Korean Student Association for rentals
 - \$1,200 to Latin Dance Club for live salsa band
 - \$230 to National Science Teachers Association for registration dues
 - \$200 to Oklahoma Club Golf for range expenses
 - \$3090 to Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature for hotel registration and food
 - \$150 to Oklahoma Sailing Club for rentals
 - \$650 to ONE Emergency Medical Services for bone splint kits

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- \$145.04 to OU Triathlon Team for rental car
- \$300 to Our Earth for food, supplies and rentals
- \$150 to Public Health Discussions for pizza and promotion
- \$650 to Rocket Team for competition dues
- \$800 to SGA Undergraduate Congress for cupcakes and congress
- \$500 to Sigma Lambda Beta for food promotion supplies and DJ
- \$112.98 to Society of Physics Students for study nights and movie night
- \$400 to Society of Women Engineers for meeting expenses
- \$414.74 to Sooner Tennis Club for tournament and match fees
- \$500 to Student Healthcare Outreach for food
- \$215 to Swipe to Share for event promotion
- \$450 to Women in Business Association for end of year banquets
- \$510 to Young Democratic Socialists for pizza
 - \$69,502. 97 left in account
- Senator 13: Since it was brought up. What is brothers under Christ accused of doing
 - Ryan: Accused of denying homosexual individuals into fraternity
- Senator 98: read in code that there is a organization penalty for requesting an absurd amount of money. At what point is a request considered too much?
 - Ryan: We removed clause when they updated it. In current updated format that is not included in criteria
- Senator 60: IS the brothers under Christ under IST? Regulated Greek houses on campus?
 - Ryan: They are not, member of independent council
- Senator 19: do we have limit to funding?
 - Ryan: Technically no. but the way they structure finances it is incremental increases in funding.
- Senator 119: so does it matter how big organization is?
 - Ryan: Yes. One of notes in funding criteria is scope and outreach (size of member and # of people that go to event) are considered in terms of allocation amount.
- Senator 98. Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 14.
- No Objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements: Please grab flyer if you want to support supply drive. Watch for email with flyers
 George: SGA helped start bike share program. Opening soon. Bike share program is free. They're branded OU. Stations all around university. South campus, union. Opening is Tuesday at 1:30

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 38, seconded by Senator 19

7:20 p.m. adjournment