

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 P.M.**  
**Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

**Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m.

**Approval of the last meeting Minutes:** Call for approval by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 11. No objections, the motion passes.

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair : Welcomed everyone back, introduced new Vice Chair (Jonathan Merlini) and new Secretary (Jennifer Russell). There are no committees right now but Chair encouraged all Senators to go to OrgSync and fill out Committee Preference Form by Friday. Please write in comment box if you were in a committee last year and want to be in the same one. Committees will be assigned by next meeting in two weeks. You do need to be in a committee to be in GSS, so if you do not fill out the preference form you will be assigned to a committee based on personnel needs. Chair briefly described each committee and their typical roles and programs. Reminded senators to turn in a new senator form if they hadn't already don't so, and that one senator from each department needs to be attending regularly for the department to be in good standing.
- Vice-Chair: No report.
- Secretary: Asked senators to please remember to pick up their placard for every meeting, as this is how attendance will be recorded. Also asked senators to make sure they filled in their name and term on the placards.

GF16-06 (OU Texas Holiday Act of 2016) is moved from Special Orders to New Business by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 91, and then moved to the floor by Senator 100 and seconded by Senator 16. The author explains that this is a bill to pass to instate the OU Texas Holiday for the 2016 academic year, and yields the rest of her time for questions. The motion to pass by unanimous consent is brought forth by Senator 72 and seconded by Senator 89. There are no objections, and the motion passes.

GF16-04 (An Act Amending the Funding Eligibility Registration Deadline) is brought to the floor by Senator 77, seconded by Senator 78. Author describes that the purpose of this bill is to change the registration deadline for organizations applying for funding through SGA from within 4 weeks from classes starting to within four weeks of organization registration opening in the fall semester. Author yielded the rest of their time to questions.

Senator 85 asked about bill GF16-03, which was similar, and author responded that the registration deadline would be the same.

Senator 11 motioned to pass by unanimous consent, which was seconded by Senator 13. No objections, and the motion passes.

GF16-01 (General Counsel Appointment Act of 2016) was tabled.

GF16-02 (An Act Confirming 2016-2017 CORE Exec) is brought to the floor by Senator 14, seconded by Senator 74. This legislation confirms the CORE executive team for 2016-2017 academic year. President of CORE discussed what the team achieved last year, and discussed the

executive team and their qualifications for this year. Explained that this year CORE will only consult 4 organizations instead of 5, and the first evaluation review will be at the end of September.

Senator 72 asked what the organizations were that were consulted last year. CORE President answered they were Mary's Meals, Sooners Helping Sooners, SingLife!, OUR Mental Health, and Sooner Environmental Council.

Senator 59 motion to pass by unanimous consent, which was seconded by Senator 57. No objections, and the motion passes.

GF16-03 (An Act Establishing Auxiliary Funding) is brought to the floor by Senator 78, seconded by Senator 60. Author described the funding process and how the emergency and subsidiary funding will be combined into auxiliary funding. The purpose of the change is to lump available money into one area and allow student organizations three submissions per semester, with no deadlines on submissions.

Senator 97 asked for more clarification on money availability. Author answered that the money would not be divided into 2 areas, so more money would be available to give out per submission, but there would not be more money available in total.

Senator 85 asked if 3 submissions were allowed per semester or per fiscal year? Author answered 3 submissions were allowed per semester.

Senator 72 asked about how long it would take for organizations to have access to funds once they submitted an application. Author answered that it would typically take 2 weeks, time enough for request to go through congress and senate and be approved.

Senator 100 motion to pass by unanimous consent, which was seconded by Senator 42. No objections, and the motion passes.

GF16-05 (Auxiliary Allocation Act #1) is brought to the floor by Senator 44, seconded by Senator 60. The author explained that money would be appropriated to the following groups: Women in Business Association for office/general expenses and programming, Counseling Student Association for office/general expenses and programming, the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter for programming, and the Chinese Language Club for programming. The author noted the remaining balance in the auxiliary fund for the semester.

Senator 72 asked how many students are in the Women in Business Association? The author answered that the total number of members is 75, which is an increase in membership from last year. Went on to explain that the event they are putting on is for entire Price College.

Senator 11 motion to pass by unanimous consent, seconded by Senator 83. No objections, and the motion passes.

### **Announcements:**

Chair reminded senators of announcements, including that there is a survey available from the Department of Inclusivity to share experiences with prejudice, discrimination, harassment, and assault at OU. The Chair reminded everyone the survey was available on surveymonkey and encouraged everyone to complete it.

Chair also reminded everyone that the next meeting is in two weeks and there will be food available as there will be a practice bill to help senators practice using their placards.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was by Senator 77, seconded by Senator 20. No objections. The meeting is adjourned at 7:20 p.m.