

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
November 20th, 2016 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: Senator 78, seconded by Senator 40

Officer Reports:

- Chair: 2nd to last meeting, we have one more in two weeks. This has been a great semester but we're not done
- Vice-Chair: No report
- Secretary: No report

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs : Discussed hate speech and condemned it unanimously
- Development & Philanthropy: Having toy drive, have flyers ready so people should please pick them and take them to department to put them up. It is for homeless children. Any donations by senators can be brought to next meeting. Toy drive boxes will be around all departments, and thanks to PR committee for helping with flyers
 - Carrie: Before you leave, grab a flyer
- External Affairs: For fees, there is a meeting with grad college tomorrow morning, if anyone wants them to work on anything else
- Human Diversity : No report
- Internal Affairs: Finalizing a bill for the final meeting regarding GSS bylaws.
- Public Relations: worked on interpersonal communication because she's the only committee member there.
- Sustainability: We're planning to host movie night/movie series Decemeber 1st Dale Hall room 112, should be snacks and discussion panel after. Should watch 'Day after Tomorrow'.
- Ways and Means: We will be presenting Fall grant allocations.

New Business:

- Chair calls for motion to move Special Orders to New Business;
 - Move to floor, Senator 11, Seconded by Senator 58.
- GF16-26 OU SLS Advisory Committee Appointment Act of 2016
- Motion to move to floor by Senator 77 and seconded by Senator 90
 - Michael, SGA VP: This is a bill to set up student legal services, program to have attorney provide pro bono legal services to students on campus. Attorney they've hired is excited. This is set up to have advisory committee to report to Clark Stroud, will be 3 students, VP, other students that have worked on project, and 3 administrators. He is currently a senior, and he would be replaced by appointee of next SGA president/vice president. Yield rest of time for questions.
 - Senator 72: How were other members chosen?
 - Answer: through appointment. They have worked on project. Next president will appoint next personnel for advisory committee
 - Senator 59: move to pass by unanimous consent
 - Seconded by Senator 33

- No objections
 - Motion Passes
- GF16-27 Auxiliary Allocation Act #6
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 50, seconded by Senator 95
 - Ryan Echols presiding
 - \$1325.00 allocated for Red Cloud Faction for field trip, food/beverages for meetings.
 - \$100.00 allocated for Nepali Student Association for food for meetings
 - \$450.00 allocated to Chess Club for tournament registration fees
 - \$1250.00 allocated for Iranian Student Association for fees for speaker and musician for event.
 - \$12,620.57 left in account, have one more allocation this semester, does not anticipate using all funding. Anything left over will roll over to use in Auxiliary fund for next semester. Yield rest of time for questions.
 - Senator 59: what is the red clay association?
 - Answer: pottery organization through art college.
 - Senator 11: motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - Seconded by Senator 66
 - No objections
 - Motion Passes
- GF16-28 An Act of Procedure Approving GSS Grants for Fall 2016
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 75, seconded by Senator 63
 - Joshua Tomlinson presiding: Josh is chair of Ways and Means committee.
 - Ways and Means have finished grading, have everything up for vote. Have approved 47 grants for conferences and 16 grants for research. Had \$75,000 at disposal, used \$40,000. Did not get that many applications this semester. About 85% of submissions passed, one of highest pass rates in awhile. Yield time for questions. \$28,290.50 for conferences. \$11,292.87 for research.
 - Senator 50: have people that received funds been notified?
 - Answer: As soon as this passes a notification will be sent out
 - Senator 73: what does not passed mean?
 - Answer. Ways and Means have a 3 tier grading system. Tier 1, crossed all t's dotted I's, signatures (this is where most people trip up). 3 strike rule. If you pass that you go to Tier 2. Tier 2 is two members of ways and means committee grading and those two scores are accumulated (200 points is highest grade). This is proportional to amount of funding you receive.
 - Senator 91: where does extra funding go?
 - Answer: It rolls over for spring allocations. \$70,000 is for entire year
 - Senator 11: motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - Seconded by Senator 17
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements: No announcements.

Adjournment : motion to adjourn, senator 90, seconded by senator 91. Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.