

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
10/22/2017, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 62, seconded by Senator 18

Officer Reports:

- Chair: It's been a great semester. Thank you all so much for attending often. Our first meeting is the second Sunday of the spring semester.
- Vice-Chair: If you are not on the email list, email me. Make sure legislation in by Thursday at noon so it makes it on the agenda for Sunday.
- Secretary: A friendly reminder to sign in on one of the attendance forms/meeting forms before we adjourn. Please accept my invitation to OrgSync if you have not done so already. All attendance forms for the semester are uploaded to OrgSync. Please let me know if you see any discrepancies.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: Ready for next semester.
- Development & Philanthropy: We collected 3,000 cans for our food drive.
- External Affairs: We are still waiting to go forward with the dental insurance issues for graduate students. Other than that, we've turn in information for GF-17-42.
- Human Diversity: No report.
- Internal Affairs: No report.
- Public Relations: Let us know any news you want to have on Twitter.
- Sustainability: We are working on an environmental screening next semester.
- Ways and Means: No report.

- GF17-43 An Act Amending the Act of Procedure Approving Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the 2017 Fall Semester
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 5, seconded by Senator 61
 - Author William Howe, Chair of Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means: The amounts are the same from the original legislation. A name and amount awarded was accidentally left off. We need to approve this amendment so the person can be reimbursed. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 108: Does the person know they received a grant?
 - Author: Yes, they know they received a grant. The name was not highlighted when I copied and pasted from Excel. The total amount on the original legislation is correct.
 - Senator 97: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 74
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 10, seconded by Senator 9**

- GF17-39 Resolution Establishing OU Loves Norman Day
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 79, seconded by Senator 11

- Author Alex McClintic, Chair of External Affairs Committee and Co-Author JD Baker, SGA President: Baker: This resolution will be sent to city Mayor and City officials. There are four pillars to encourage students to get out and support the city of Norman. Alex: Undergraduate congress has approved this resolution. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 67: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 119
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF17-40 Auxiliary Funding 13
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 4, seconded by Senator 105
 - Hennessey Chism, Author:
 - **Business Law Society**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$130
 - **Total:** \$130
 - **Rocket Team**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$200
 - **Total:** \$200
 - **Sigma Lambda Beta**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$375
 - **Total:** \$375
 - **Institute of Industrial Engineers**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$20
 - **Total:** \$20
 - **Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$28.50
 - **Total:** \$28.50
 - **Delta Sigma Pi-Beta Epsilon Chapter**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$1350
 - **Total:** \$1350
 - **Graduate Women in Business**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$560
 - **Total:** \$560
 - **Independent Greek Council**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$350
 - **Total:** \$350
 - **Camp Kesem OK**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$250
 - **Total:** \$250
 - **Sooner Powered Vehicle**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$300
 - **Total:** \$300
 - **American Society for Microbiology**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$50
 - **Total:** \$50
 - **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$400
 - **Total:** \$400
 - **Engineers' Club**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$1500
 - **Total:** \$1500

- **International Advisory Committee**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$186.28
 - **Total:** **\$186.28**
- **Chinese in Business College Association**
 - Programs/Events/Activities: \$500
 - **Total:** **\$500**
- **Total Allocation: \$6,199.78**
- Senator 70: Is the InterVarsity program amount incorrect? It says \$16 but the total is \$400.
- Author: The amount should be listed at \$400. This error was corrected in Undergraduate Congress with a friendly amendment.
- Senator 110: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 19
- No objections
- Motion passes

- GF17-41 Well That Was Nice While It Lasted
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 120, seconded by Senator 62
 - Hennessey Chism, Author: This legislation similar to what has gone through this semester. We are repealing obsolete provisions. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 105: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 6
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GF17-42 Senate Resolution Condemning the Taxation of Tuition Waivers
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 10, seconded by Senator 97
 - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair of Graduate Student Senate: This is in response to the U.S. Senate's bill to tax tuition waivers as gross income. This resolution states that we oppose taxing Graduate student tuition waiver. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 9: What is average stipend of students of OU.
 - Author: The average stipend at OU is not available information. We included the national average instead.
 - Senator 105: I propose a friendly amendment to state that OU students make under the national average stipend.
 - Author: I accept your friendly amendment.
 - Senator 110: Can we add Co-Sponsors?
 - Author: Yes, we are accepting Co-Sponsors.
 - Senator 97: What does being a Co-Sponsor entail?
 - Author: Being a Co-Sponsor means you support this resolution. We are passing around a piece of paper. If you would like to be a Co-Sponsor, please write your name and your department.
 - Senator 70: I would like to add a friendly amendment that we add Norman Transcript to the list of recipients.
 - Senator 4: Can we see the first page again? I noticed that the paragraphs end with "and,"
 - Author: Ending with "and," is intentional. It is how these resolutions are meant to be formatted.
 - Senator 110: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 73
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Senator 120, seconded by Senator 64.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.