

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
2/25/2018, 7:00 P.M.  
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

**Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.**

**Approval of the Minutes: Senator 38, seconded by Senator 59**

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: Absent.
- Vice-Chair: We are going to have an election for a new Vice-Chair tonight.
- Secretary: Please sign in on the committee form to record your attendance.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: We discussed what to change on the Outstanding Graduate Student Application.
- Development & Philanthropy: Discussed events we could do this semester.
- External Affairs: No report.
- Human Diversity: We are working on the Honoring Diversity event for April.
- Internal Affairs: I've outlined some changes to section one of the bylaws.
- Public Relations: No report.
- Sustainability: No report.
- Ways and Means: We have our grant funding deadline coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Senator 111: What are the grants for?
    - WAM Vice-Chair: The grants are for Research and/or Travel.
  - Senator 38: When are the decisions made on who gets funding?
    - WAM Vice-Chair: We are meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> to review applications.
  - Senator 119: When is the date to start applying for the Fall 2018?
    - GSS Vice-Chair: Applications for Fall 2018 are due the second week of October.
  - Senator 39: If I travel in July, when do I apply?
    - GSS Vice-Chair: You would apply in the fall. Travel and Research completed between the dates of July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> fall under the fall research and travel grant request.
  - Senator 15: Where is information on the GSS Travel and Research Grants?
    - GSS Vice-Chair: It can be accessed on our GSS page on the OU website.

**Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 110, seconded by Senator 44**

- Vice-Chair Election
  - Melissa Maxey: I am a second-year masters student and plan on going on into the PhD program.
  - Yields time for questions
  - Senator 9: Are you planning on completing your PhD at OU?
  - Melissa Maxey: Yes.
  - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 122
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

- Senator 122: I want to say thank you for serving in this position.
- Senator 97: When are you stepping down?
- Jonathan Merlini, Vice-Chair: Effective after tonight's meeting is adjourned.
  
- GS18-05 Auxiliary Allocation 17
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 35, seconded by Senator 73
  - Author, Noah Coah:
    - American Concrete Institute
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$300
      - Total: \$300
    - Men's Ultimate Frisbee
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$200
      - Total: \$200
    - Informed Citizens Discussion Groups
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$500
      - Total: \$500
    - American Society of Microbiology
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$500
      - Total: \$500
    - Black Student Association
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$5000
      - Total: \$5000
    - Catalyst for a Better Future
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$300
      - Total: \$300
    - Institute of Industrial Engineers
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$475
      - Total: \$475
    - Intercollegiate Legislature
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$700
      - Total: \$700
    - Capoeira Club
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$150
      - Total: \$150
    - Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$850
      - Total: \$850
    - Oklahoma Model United Nations
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$250
      - Total: \$250
    - Integrity Council
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$630
      - Total: \$630
    - Student Council for Exceptional Children
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$100
      - Total: \$100
    - Minority Women's Conference
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$1000
      - Total: \$1000
    - Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club         \$
      - Programs, Events & Activities: \$200
      - Total: \$200

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- **Total Allocation: \$11,155**
  - Author yields time for questions.
  - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 10
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GS18-06 Title II Rewrite Act of 2018
  - Motion to table by Senator 109, seconded by Senator 60

**Motion to move GS18-07, GS18-08, GS18-09, and GS18-10 as a block by Senator 19, seconded by Senator 115**

- GS18-07 SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018
- GS18-08 SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018
- GS18-09 SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018
- GS18-10 SGA Exterior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018
  - Author, Carson Ball: Author had Directors introduce themselves. Maddie McClung, Department of Exterior, and Chris Carter, Department of Interior, introduced themselves. Author introduced Lexi Audas, Department of Communications, and Destinee Dickson, Department of Inclusivity, to the Senate since they were both not present.
  - Author yields time for questions.
  - Senator 97: Is this in the Executive Branch?
    - Author: Yes.
  - Senator 122: Motion to pass GS18-07, GS18-08, GS18-09, and GS18-10 by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 70
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

**Old Business:**

- GS18-04 Cabinet Restructuring Act
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 112, seconded by Senator 67
  - Author Carson Ball: We are eliminating the Department of Academic Affairs.
  - Author yields time for questions.
  - Senator 95: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 44
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Senator 10, seconded by Senator 119.

**Adjournment: 7:22**