

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
9/10/17, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Motion to call meeting to order: Senator 10, seconded by Senator 110.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 112, seconded by Senator 115

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Welcome. Committees have different functions. You are welcomed to contact us with any questions you have about committees.
 - Point of information by Senator 38: Do committees have to write a formal proposal to request funds? Chair: Not necessarily. It depends on the type of funding request.
- Vice-Chair: Welcome. I hope you enjoy being on committees this year.
- Secretary: Please write your name on the 2017-2018 label on your placard.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: Selected committee positions.
- Development & Philanthropy: No report.
- External Affairs: No new business.
- Human Diversity: Selected committee positions. Brainstormed different projects.
- Internal Affairs: Selected committee positions. Otherwise no other business.
- Public Relations: Follow GSS on twitter @OU_GradSenate. If you need posters, email laurenross@ou.edu. Point of Information from Senator 34: Asked if any other social media account. Answer from Lauren Ross: We are looking into it.
- Sustainability: We selected our committee positions.
- Ways and Means: We selected our committee positions and talked about improving the grant application process.

Special Orders:

- George Ahmadi, SGA Advisor: Asked whether people are familiar with parliamentary procedures. Purpose of formal procedures is to run meetings fairly. Some of the stuff might be formal, but Carrie, GSS Chair, may modify the procedures. First, order of business starts with author or authors' explanation. Second, we have questions to the author(s). Not meant for debates at this stage. After questions are finished, someone can say "consent" and potentially approve if no objections. Another option is debate which is limited to 30 minutes. Some options includes to Motion to refer back to committee for consideration. Explained different types of motion. Senator 97: point of information. Can you make motion for a recess? George: Yes, and you can prescribe an amount of time. Continued to explain types of motions. Suspend the rules is used a lot. Lastly, there are GSS Bylaws. Please send them out digitally. I've outlined some of the main things of how Senate works.

Motion to move to new business by Senator 38, seconded by Senator 122

- GF17-04 Election Board Chair Appointment Act
 - Author explanation by Carrie Pavlowsky: Every year we appoint a chair to the SGA Election Board. The Election Board investigate grievances regarding elections. We had 13 applicants, and picked 3 to interview. All applicants were asked the same questions. Corey Abernathy was selected as Election Board Chair
 - Corey Abernathy introduced himself to GSS: I'm a senior Political Science major hoping to graduate May 2018. I've served on the last year's Election Board and worked closely with the previous Election Board Chair. My vision is similar but slightly different. Yielded floor to questions.
 - Senator 97- Point of information: You said grievances happen a lot. Can you tell us types?
 - Corey Abernathy answer: There are a lot of different ways to break rules. After a grievance is filed, they will be investigated. One of the common types is election unsolicited messaging. This is when a campaign will mass add people to a Facebook group or post to Facebook walls without their consent. Election Board procedures are posted in OrgSync.
 - Senator 110-What penalties are assigned for violations?
 - Corey Abernathy answer: Typically 5 to 10 dollars are fined. Fine amounts can increase for Campaigns that continually break the rules.
 - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GF17-05 A Resolution Calling for the Change of Debarr Avenue to Henderson Street
 - Dan Williams, author: This resolution is calling to rename Debarr Avenue to Henderson Street. Debarr is an old racist. Henderson is a civil rights hero. Yielded floor to questions.
 - Senator 122: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GF17-06 A Resolution Affirming Support for the DACA Program and its Recipients
 - Authors are not in attendance to present resolution.
 - Motion to table by Senator 11, seconded by Senator 19.

- GF17-07 Auxiliary Allocation 3
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 108, seconded by Senator 17
 - Author Hennessey Chism:
 - OU Tennis Club, Programs/Events/Activities: \$200.00
 - Global Intervarsity Fellowship, Programs/Events/Activities: \$215.00
 - German Club, Programs/Events/Activities: \$575.00
 - Catalyst for a Better Future, Office and General Expenses: \$150.00, Programs/Events/Activities: \$350.00
 - Chinese Language Club, Programs/Events/Activities: \$50
 - Student Government Association General Counsel, Office and General Expenses: \$250.00
 - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries, Office and General Expenses: \$478.00, Programs/Events/Activities: \$281.00
 - Engineering Undergraduate Research Association, Programs/Events/Activities: \$550.00

- Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Programs/Events/Activities: \$1340.00
 - Author yielded time to questions
 - Senator 97: Point of information. I assume the undergraduate congress brought all these up for consideration? Answer by Hennessey: The process starts with the Ways and Means Committee. Each request is evaluated on different criteria such and fiscal history, number of students serviced, and type of event. We write legislation to present to congress and senate. Congress has already passed this one, but it can start at GSS. It depends on the timing of when the legislation is written up and whether senate or congress is meeting next.
 - Senator 122: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF17-08 Campaign Time-Frame Clarification Act of 2017
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 21, seconded by Senator 108
 - Tom Cassidy, Author: Clarifying the campaign time-frame. Yield to questions.
 - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF17-09 Spring Election Act of 2018
 - Author not present.
 - Motion to table by Senator 19, seconded by Senator 97

Announcements:

Senator 122: Reminder to follow on twitter and email directly with Public Relations requests. Senator 90: This information will be sent out via email.

Motion to adjourn by Senator 120, seconded by Senator 60.

Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.