

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
May 6, 2018, 7:00 P.M.  
Sarkeys Energy Center**

**Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.**

**Approval of the Minutes: Senator 112, seconded by Senator 5**

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: I apologize for the room confusion. The room was double booked. Thank you for being here and thank you for another great year.
- Vice-Chair: I enjoyed serving this year. Thank you.
- Secretary: Make sure you sign in.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: Outstanding Graduate Students were selected.
- Development & Philanthropy: Thank you for participating in the supply drive.
- External Affairs: We are putting together a graduate student satisfaction survey.
- Human Diversity: It's been a wonderful year. Thank you.
- Internal Affairs: No report. But thanks for a really good year.
- Public Relations: No report.
- Sustainability: No report. But thank you for a good year.
- Ways and Means: Make sure people are using the new grant application forms since the old forms are no longer used.

**Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 61, seconded by Senator 6**

- GS18-28 Election Board Chair Appointment Act
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 60, seconded by Senator 95
  - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky: The election board chair oversees everything regarding the election. We interviewed two people and selected Brandon Swearingin. Brandon Swearingin introduced himself. He talked about how he would uphold integrity and increased voter turnout. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 97: Have you given any thought into what you will accomplish in this position?
    - Swearingin: I think we need more than two polling places on campus. We need to have an increased awareness of the campaigns.
  - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 70
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GS 18-29 Act Amending the 2018-2019 Conoco Center Space Allocation Act
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator #, seconded by Senator # 109 80
  - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky: There are offices that are available to campus groups, and we provide offices to groups that need offices. This also includes basement storage. We look at the number of people in group and the number of activities to determine if they are provided an office. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.

- Seconded by Senator 44
- No objections
- Motion passes
  
- GS 18-30 Primary Funding Act of 2018 for Governmental Organizations
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 61, seconded by Senator 93
  - Author, Hennessey Chism: Gave formal presentation on how the money is allocated at OU. Presented the year's allocation in the legislation. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 67: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 117
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
  
- GS 18-31 Primary Funding Act of 2018
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 9, seconded by Senator 18
  - Author, Hennessey Chism: Present the legislation. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 112: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 5
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
  
- GS 18-32 Student Appeals Panelist Appointment Act
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 108, seconded by Senator 80
  - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky: Graduate liaisons nominate students, and they serve on the student appeals panel. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 70: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 119
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
  
- GS 18-33 Bad Standing and Probationary Act of Spring 2018
  - Motion to move to floor by Senator 61, seconded by Senator 60
  - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky: Based on this year's attendance, we have department standing changes. The following departments have been placed back into Good Standing: Chemistry and Biochemistry, History, Interior Design, International and Area Studies, Law, and Philosophy. The following departments are On Probation: Accounting, Aerospace and Mech. Eng., Biomedical Engineering, Business Administration, Data Science and Analytics, Educational Lead. & Policy Studies, Human Relations, Mathematics, and Visual Arts. The following departments are in Bad Standing: Film and Media Studies, General Engineering, Geoinformatics, Geology and Geophysics, International Relations, Journalism and Mass Communication, Liberal Studies, Library & Information Studies, Management Information Systems, Meteorology, Native American Studies, Natural Gas Engineering & Management, Public Administration, and Women and Gender's Studies. Yields time for questions.
  - Senator 21: Some of the departments in Bad Standing were already in Bad Standing.
    - Author: We need to continue to list them in the legislation.
  - Senator 110: Are those placed in Bad Standing contacted?
    - Author: Yes.
  - Senator 67: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 61
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

**Old Business:**

- GS18-20 Public Office Hour Act of 2018
  - Tabled
- GS18-22 Amendment to Sections 1 and 2 of the Graduate Senate Bylaws
  - Tabled

**New Business:**

- Officer Elections: Chair of Internal Affairs, Hayden Iskander, presiding:
  - GSS Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary are open. Only received three nominations, one for each position.
  - Carrie Pavlowsky is nominated to serve as chair.
    - Motion to elect by Senator 110
    - seconded by Senator 70
    - No objections
    - Chair is elected
  - Melissa Maxey is nominated to serve as vice-chair.
    - Motion to elect by Senator 110
    - seconded by Senator 70
    - No objections
    - Vice Chair is elected
  - Natalie Daugherty is nominated for secretary.
    - Motion to elect by Senator 110
    - seconded by Senator 70
    - No objections
    - Secretary is elected
  - Applause all around

Motion to adjourn by Senator 79, seconded by Senator 16.

**Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.**