

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
01/27/2019, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 77, seconded by Senator 62

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Welcome back. If you are a new senator, we will be opening the form to choose your committee on Orgsync. Make sure you sign one of the committee forms, even if it is not the one you want to be on. This is how we record your attendance.
- Vice-Chair: No report
- Secretary: Please make sure you sign in on one of the attendance sheets

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: No report
- Development & Philanthropy: No report
- External Affairs: No report
- Human Diversity: No report
- Internal Affairs: No report
- Public Relations: We are planning to post committee bios on our twitter account. Please share your committee bios with us.
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: This is a grant application month. The applications are due March 1st. The form has been posted online. We are organizing a question and Answer session after the next meeting i.e., February 10th. We will discuss how to fill out the application. It will be open to all graduate students and senators.

Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 5, seconded by Senator 109

- GS19-01 Auxiliary Allocation 13 Act of 2018-2019
- GS19-02 Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2018-2019
 - Motion to move GS19-01 and GS19-02 as block to floor by Senator 5, seconded by Senator 98
 - Author, Sam Quick, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: Student organizations were awarded for a total of \$4,020 in Auxiliary Allocation 13 and for a total of \$5,689.20 in Auxiliary Allocation 14. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 61: Motion to pass GF19-01 and GF19-02 by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 94
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GS19-03 SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019
- GS19-04 SGA Exterior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019
- GS19-05 SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019

- Motion to move GF19-03, GF19-04 and GF19-05 as a block to floor by Senator 125, seconded by Senator 18
- Author, Maddie Mclun: Executive Assistant for SGA Cabinet. This legislation appoints the SGA cabinet directors. The following individuals are serving as respective directors.
 - Morgan Rowe Director of the Department of Communications
 - Alex Baron – Director of the Department of Exterior
 - Jamelia Reed – Co-Director of the Department of Inclusivity
 - Taylor Chiariello – Co-Director of the Department of Inclusivity
 Yields time for questions.
- Senator 10: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 9
- No objections
- Motion passes

- GS19-06 Department Status Act of Spring 2019
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 121
 - Author: Caroline Pavlowsky, Chair of Graduate Student Senate; Melissa Maxey, Vice Chair of Graduate Student Senate: This legislation updates the Graduate Student Senate department status.
 - Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 18: If a department is not in the list, what does that mean?
 - Author clarified that the departments not in the list are in good standing
 - Senator 27: I noticed some departments have two senators and some have one, can you explain why is that so? Are there incentives for it?
 - Authors explained that each department can have up to two senators. It is a way that in case one misses the meeting, the other could attend.
 - Senator 125. Due to technical difficulties (including distant and commuter students) in our department, we are in bad standing. What happens now?
 - Author explained that if you attend all the meetings in this semester, your department will be moved to good standing in next semester.
 - Senator 105: How do we figure out the previous attendance for GSS meetings?
 - Author told them that GSS keeps the attendance logs and they could email or drop by in the office to get details.
 - Senator 40: Does GSS have an updated website?
 - Author replied that the website is updated every now and then. We will make sure to update the website soon.
 - Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 110
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS19-07 Senatorial Resolution
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 64, seconded by Senator 17
 - Author, Caroline Pavlowsky, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate; Melissa Maxey, Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate: This legislation condemns the racist incidents that occurred during the Spring 2019 semester. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator109: Jabar Shamate is no longer the Vice President of Student Community.
 - Senator 77: Friendly amendment to update the name. Seconded by Senator 69.
 - Senator 61: When the legislation says “we stand with OU Unheard, BSA and others in their demands of the University towards a more aware and safe campus.” Are we endorsing the demands?
 - Author replied in positive.

- Senator 61: Friendly amendment to update the wording to say “we endorse OU Unheard, BSA and others demands of the University towards a more aware and safe campus.” Seconded by Senator 105.
- Senator 105: What do you mean by latent racism? Friendly amendment to remove word “latent”.
- Author accepted. Seconded by 103.
- friendly amendment 105– get it written 105 – latent racism – remove latent racism 103.
- Senator 17: Is Kristen Partridge the Interim Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs?
- Author replied that she is not sure. Can we have a friendly amendment to look up the correct name and update it?
- Seconded by Senator 62.
- Senator 07: As we have dropped word “latent”, can we have a friendly amendment to just say “ignore racism” instead.
- Author agreed. Seconded by Senator 70.
- Senator 70: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 06
- No objections
- Motion passes

New Business:

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 77, seconded by Senator 22.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.