

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
05/05/2019, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes: Senator 77, seconded by Senator 97
Officer Reports:**

- Chair: This my last year as the GSS Chair and at OU. It was great working with you all.
- Vice-Chair: No report
- Secretary: Don't forget to sign your name on the committee forms, along with your senator number. I would also appreciate it if you raise your placard before you speak, for any motions, questions or any other purposes.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: We met to nominate Outstanding Graduate Student Award, which will be talking about later in the meeting.
- Development & Philanthropy: No report
- External Affairs: No report
- Human Diversity: No report
- Internal Affairs: No report
- Public Relations: No report
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: No report

Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 38

- **GS19-25 Act Allocating the 2019-2020 Conoco Student Leadership Center Office and Storage Space**
 - Motion to move GS19-25 to floor by Senator 06, seconded by Senator 74
 - Author, Carrie Pavlowsky, SGA Graduate Senate Chair Emeritus: Nineteen student organizations were allotted Conoco Student Leadership Center Office and Storage Space from May 2019 until May 2020.
Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 83
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GS19-26 Sooner Freshman Council Co- Chair Appointment Act**
 - Motion to move GS19-26 to floor by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 40
 - Co-Author, Adran Gibbs, President of the Student Government Association: Following students were appointed as co-chairs for SFC.
 - Logan Rust
 - Bianca MitrancaYields time for questions.

- Senator 83: How do these positions work? Are they freshman or sophomore?
 - Author: Yes, they are sophomores.
 - Senator 77: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 18
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS19-27 Student Legal Services Financial Provision Act**
 - Motion to move GS19-27 to floor by Senator 83, seconded by Senator 40
 - Author, Adran Gibbs, SGA President: outline the mission of the OU Student Legal Services program, establish the rights of students using the program, set guidelines for the SLS staff attorney, establish the role of the OU SLS Advisory Committee, define the financial rules for SLS, and establish the salary for the OU SLS Staff Attorney.
 - Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 108: How much is the budget for it and how much are we adding?
 - Author: The budget was \$190,000 with an addition of \$40,000
 - Senator 83: As it is for summer, so if positions are not renewed in fall, what happens then?
 - Author: The budget is final. The reason for mentioning Summer is to give them a deadline to review the process, as SGA overlooks the process.
 - Senator 05: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 109
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS 19-28 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2019-2020**
 - Motion to move GS19-28 to floor by Senator 109, seconded by Senator 40
 - Author, Caroline Pavlowsky, GSS Chair: Following students were nominated for the 2019-2020 Academic Appeals Panelists

Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences	Burch	Claire
	Na-Yemeh	Dolly
Architecture	Maharjan	Reajina
	Beemer	Alexa
	Lee	Henry
	Ndaysiaba	Christelle
Arts and Sciences	Davis	Joshua
	Miller	Leslie
	Freitas	<u>Elyse</u>
	Afkhami	Mehrnaz
	Sanders	Chanda
	Dowran	Mohammadjavad
	Ellithorpe	Elizabeth
	Ma	Haijing
	O'Connor	Sean
	Ghirknar	Tejas
	Regier	Paul
Price College of Business	Dallas	Wayne

	Kelemen	Tom
Earth & Energy	Bonar	Alicia
	Pennington	Colin
	Williams	Hope
Engineering	Herren	Blake
	Laurence	Devin
	Xiong	Hao
	Gupta	Ishank
	Bounds	Tommy
	Shepherd	Nick
Education	Wilson	Alison
	Johnson	Jennifer
	Allen	Amy
Fine Arts	St. John	Christa
Journalism & Mass Communication	Petrotta	Brian
International Studies	Hayes	Moriah
	Harden	Meagan
Professional & Continuing Studies	Webb	Adelaide

Yields time for questions.

- Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 108
- No objections
- Motion passes

- **GS 19-29 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2018- 2019 Academic Year**

- Motion to move GS19-29 to floor by Senator 05, seconded by Senator 33
- Author, David Marvel, Chair, GSS Academic Affairs: Following graduate students were awarded as Outstanding Graduate Student.
 - Luvia E. Morales Rodríguez of the Department of Modern Languages Literatures and Linguistics is hereby named the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.
 - Harshkumar Patel of the School of Petroleum and Geological Engineering is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.
 - Brent Norwood of the Department of Economics is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Yields time for questions.

- Senator 34: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 121
- No objections
- Motion passes

- **GS 19-30 2019-2020 Departmental Status Act**

- Motion to move GS19-30 to floor by Senator 121, seconded by Senator 17
- Author, Caroline Pavlowsky, GSS Chair: Following are the department status changes beginning Fall 2019.

Department Status Changes		
Good Standing	Probation	Bad Standing
Aerospace and Mech. Eng.	Geology and GeoPhysics	Accounting
Public Administration	Journalism and Mass Communication	Biomedical Engineering
Visual Arts		Business Administration
		Civil Eng. & Environ. Science
		Data Science and Analytics
		Human Relations
		Mathematics

Yields time for questions.

- Senator 109: Public relations is not a department and is a subfield of my department.
- Author: We go by how graduate college lists as graduate department. If this is the case, send us an email and we will look into it.
- Senator 40: Does it matter what the size of graduate student population is in a department to represent, since it seems not fair if they are smaller department and people could not make it to the meeting and are put in bad standing?
- Author: Some departments have one senator and some have two. Also, there is an option of proxy which is that anyone from that department. On top of that we give excused absences if needed.
- Senator 77: How many absences are we allowed?
- Author: By-laws have been stricter than what we have been doing but we allow two absences after the first meeting. .
- Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 33
- No objections
- Motion passes

- **GSS Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**

- Motion to open elections to the floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 38
- Nominees for the three positions are as follows
 - Melissa Maxey – Chair
 - Rafia Mallick – Vice Chair
 - Jeremy Davis - Secretary

Yields time for questions.

- Motion to move as block: 88; seconded by 108
- Senator 108: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 17
- No objections
- Motion passes

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 98, seconded by Senator 115

Adjournment: 7:40 p.m.