

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
9/23/2018, 7:00 P.M.
Associates Room, Oklahoma Memorial Union**

Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 6, seconded by Senator 119

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Welcome. Please sign in on one of the attendance forms. Hope you enjoyed the pizza. We will have our next meeting in our regular meeting room.
- Vice-Chair: Email us if you need to change a committee.
- Secretary: Please remember to sign in to have your attendance recorded.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: We established our leadership and our responsibilities.
- Development & Philanthropy: We established leadership.
- External Affairs: We established leadership.
- Human Diversity: We established leadership. The International Bazaar is the 4th of October. We need volunteers to be at our table. We want students to know that we exist and that we want to listen to them. If you want to volunteer, let us know.
- Internal Affairs: We discussed the Electoral Impediments & Inconveniences Minimization Act of 2018, and we have some recommendations on some of its language.
- Public Relations: We established leadership. Follow us on twitter @OU_GradSenate.
- Sustainability: We established leadership and talked strategy
- Ways and Means: We established leadership. The grant applications are due October 5th. That is during the OU-Texas weekend, but the office will be open to accept grant applications on October 5th. The 2018-2019 forms are different. Please make sure you are using the new forms.

Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 9, seconded by Senator 115

- GF18-04 Auxiliary Allocation 03 Act of 2018-2019
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 - Motion to move **GF18-04 and GF18-05** as block to floor by Senator 97, seconded by Senator 81
 - Author, Sam Quick, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 21: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 33
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF18-06 Polling Location Act of Fall 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 35, seconded by Senator 74
 - Author, Brandon Swearingin: We are adding more polling locations this year. We will have five polling locations: Bizzell Memorial Library, Couch Restaurants, Dale Hall, Gaylord Hall, and Oklahoma Memorial Union. Yields time for questions.

- Senator 119: Have you considered placing polling locations on south campus? The places you proposed are mostly north campus.
 - Author: I can say that it was not something currently considered. That is something I will look into.
 - Senator 69: 5 Partners Place or the Innovation Hub would be good places to have polling locations for south campus.
 - Senator 74: Why are there polling locations at both Dale Hall and Gaylord Hall? They are located across from each other and visible to each other.
 - Author: I would not have crossed over to the other side to vote, and I think that people would not cross over to vote.
 - Senator 22: Besides your opinions, do you have any empirical evidence that support why you chose these locations for your polling locations?
 - Author: I thought carefully about the locations. The short answer is no.
 - Senator 38 (Proxy): Can you explain how the online voting system works?
 - Author: It's through Qualtrics. You log in with your 4x4 password and place your vote.
 - Senator 22: Motion to table.
 - Seconded by Senator 77
 - Twenty-three Senators approve the motion to table: 94, 59, 79, 115, 110, 95, 120, 117, 80, 69, 36, 68, 67, 112, 70, 64, 38, 119, 121, 35, 96, 15, and 77.
 - Twenty-one Senators disapprove the motion to table: 105, 81, 3, 82, 73, 18, 74, 98, 16, 33, 34, 5, 6, 93, 62, 61, 108, 21, 10, 94, and 97.
 - Four Senators abstain: 9, 111, 116, and 107.
 - Motion to table approved by majority vote.
- GF18-07 Election Board Appointments Act of 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 9
 - Author, Brandon Swearingin: We appointed four people. I need a friendly amendment to add their names to the legislation. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 98 moved to add friendly amendment
 - Friendly amendment to add names seconded by Senator 35
 - Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 68
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
 - GF18-08 Electoral Impediments & Inconveniences Minimization Act of 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 38, seconded by Senator 5
 - Author, Donald Duechting: This legislation addresses some concerns we have during elections. We are concerned about bicyclists being impeded by candidates on sidewalks. We have an environmental issue with flyers being placed on cars. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 70: How do you know the flyers on cars are actually coming from the candidate and not an opponent trying to sabotage them?
 - Author: We would investigate to determine who distributed the flyers.
 - Senator 22: How do you decide whether a candidate is impeding a walkway?
 - Author: It's up to the election board to determine if a violation occurred.
 - Senator 10: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 105
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

- George Ahmadi, SGA Advisor: You are the graduate legislative branch. Both houses see legislation. Most of the legislation applies to undergraduates, but the constitution still requires that you see it. If you have any questions, let me know. My door is open. I wanted to introduce myself. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn by Senator 21, seconded by Senator 38.

Adjournment: 7:46 p.m.