

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
03/10/2019, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 98, seconded by Senator 09

Officer Reports:

- Chair: No report
- Vice-Chair: No report
- Secretary: Don't forget to sign in on the committee forms

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: No report
- Development & Philanthropy: No report
- External Affairs: We will be sending a survey for graduate students so, look forward for an email from GSS. Please take the survey to enable us to gauge graduate students experiences at OU.
- Human Diversity: No report
- Internal Affairs: No report
- Public Relations: We posted the Committee bio for Human diversity this week on our twitter account and Development and Philanthropy will be the next. Also, follow us on twitter.
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: We graded the applications and finalized the funding for travel and research grant. We will be discussing two bills later in this meeting

Special Orders: Motion to move to new business by Senator 61, seconded by Senator 94

- GS19-12 Auxiliary Allocation 17 Act of 2018-2019
- GS19-14 Auxiliary Allocation 18 Act of 2018-2019
 - Motion to move GS19-12 and GS19-14 as block to floor by Senator 5, seconded by Senator 64
 - Author, Sam Quick, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: Student organizations were awarded for a total of \$14,471 in Auxiliary Allocation 12 and for a total of \$2,795 in Auxiliary Allocation 14.
Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 61: Motion to divide College Republicans funding into a separate bill pending SGA investigation.
 - Chair: An update on that. OU daily has released their official chats that show various racist, sexist comments. Now ways and means committee might not have the means to investigate that, but we as SGA do not need to approve anything.
 - Senator 119: Does this mean all other organizations in the bill will be funded except for College Republicans?
 - Chair: Yes
 - Senator 108: What exactly are you going to review?
 - Author: Sending that one back to the committee, so that they have the ability to review it. The foundation of it is that we have certain number of criteria that we need to look at and if it is sent back to us, we will be waiting on the development that the

- organization remains in good standing. It will give us some time in order to see what SGA as a whole decides and whether it still remains as an organization.
- Chair: As a legislative branch we have the ability to investigate and look into stuff and it is part of our power. We are referencing it back to them, also to Student Affairs and to us to look into it.
 - Senator 21: Can Internal affairs look at it for GSS?
 - Chair: We can refer it back to the committee and have one of the members from Senate as a representative.
 - Senator 108: Agree to disagree, but what about privacy and freedom of speech?
 - Chair: First of all we are not asking for any private emails or texts or information. This is all College Republicans official chats. We are trying to investigate that who are the excluding from their group or what information are they providing to its members, while they are asking for funds from the fees the students have paid. No one is asking for expulsion, or exclusion from courses.
 - Senator 21: How do you review the application before funding? Is it based on such information or what is the criteria?
 - Author: The application is reviewed on a certain set criteria. This all information came out after Undergraduate Student Congress has reviewed the application.
 - Seconded by Senator 74
 - No Objections
 - Motion passes
 - Senator 105: Why the difference in funds between Arab and Indian Student Organization?
 - Author: It depends on how much an organization requests for. The Arab student organization asked for \$32 and it was fully funded. On the other hand, Indian Student Organization is putting up an event and asked money for catering and all.
 - Senator 105: What is the funding based on?
 - Author: The funding is based on fiscal history of the organization, if they spent money in the past that was given to them. Number two, whether the event is on-campus and bring more people to Norman and OU. Also, how competitive teams are as they bring fame to OU campus.
 - Senator 109: What penalties are there for RSOs being in bad standing? Are there any long term penalties?
 - Author: Good standing definition is very vague right now and we are working on it right now. As for now, good standing is if they are allowed to be funded, so all the organizations we have seen this year are all in good standing. Fiscal history however, increases or decreases the amount of money given to them. If they do not use the money given to them, it goes back and is used to fund organizations next year.
 - Senator 05: Motion to pass all as a block except for College Republicans by unanimous consent
 - Seconded by Senator 117
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
 - Senator 21: Motion to move College Republicans budget request back to SGA Ways and Means with a representative from GSS Ways and Means representative on it
 - Seconded by Senator 103
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GS19-15 An Act Establishing Environmentally Sustainable Funding
 - Motion to move GF19-15, to floor by Senator 98, seconded by Senator 38
 - Author, Emma DeAngeli, Fine Arts Representative: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the code such that it reflects environmental standards deemed suitable by

the Sustainability Committee. Undergraduate Student Congress has put away the clean up procedures from the legislation as it is too vague.

Yields time for questions.

- Senator 21: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 67
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
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- GS19-16 A Resolution Advocating for a Special Appropriation to the Graduate Student Senate's Operating Budget Specifically Allocated for Graduate Student Senate Grants
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 18
 - Author, GSS Ways and Means Committee and Academic Affairs Committee: This appropriation is requested at the amount of \$40,000.00 per year which operates without reference to the general Student Government Association budget or the already-requested amount for next year (\$75,000).Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 18: Since we do not have enough funding then what is the criteria for rejection?
 - Author: We judge all the application before allocation of the funds. After judging we realized we don't have enough funding to allocate the funding.
 - Senator 117: Dean for ISS has changed.
 - Author: It will be updated before being sent for signatures.
 - Senator 10: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 25
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
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- GS19-17 An Act of Procedure Approving Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the 2019 Spring Semester
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 09, seconded by Senator 80
 - Author, 2018-2019 GSS Ways and Means Committee. The GSS ways and means committee awarded the following funds for travel and research to graduate students who applied.
 - Total Travel Funds: \$36,508.19
 - Total Research Funds: \$10,878.93
 - Total Funds Awarded: \$47,387.12Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 09: Does the receiver need to acknowledge GSS in their research?
 - Author: There is no requirement but we ask graduate students to acknowledge us as it makes us look better.
 - Senator 09: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 68
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Senator 62, seconded by Senator 69

Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.