

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
10/7/2018, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 10, seconded by Senator 94

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Welcome, both new and old senators. Student Body Presidential elections are approaching soon and we will be sending out information through GSS, so look out for them. Get ready for voting and forward them to other students in your departments. Our current body President vetoed something, so we have to go through approve or disapprove this veto, just prefacing to be prepared for that.
- Vice-Chair: No report.
- Secretary (Substitute): Senators please sign in on the committee forms. Also, proxies need to sign one of the forms with your name and the name of the person you are there for.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: No Report.
- Development & Philanthropy: No Report.
- External Affairs: No Report.
- Human Diversity: We represented GSS and Human Diversity Committee at International Bazaar last Thursday. We got many concerns from different students that we will be looking at in next couple of meetings and will be working to resolve them.
- Internal Affairs: No Report.
- Public Relations: Follow us @Ou_graduatestudentsenate for announcements.
- Sustainability: No Report.
- Ways and Means: The grants were due last Friday. We have been grading them today and most definitely have a legislation by next meeting.

Special Orders: Motion to move discussion to the floor by Senator 5, seconded by Senator 77

We are not seeing tonight is the Election Board Act. We had issues with people resigning, so since they resign we have to go back and find more people. The original act has been passed by both houses. He has vetoed the Election Board Act that you passed last time, and we will be coming up with a new one. So, we need to approve his veto to get it through

Motion to Approve - Senator 21.

No objections.

Special Orders: Motion to move everything on the floor by Senator 77, seconded by Senator 62

- GS18-09 Auxiliary Allocation 05 Act of 2018-2019
- GS18-10 Auxiliary Allocation 06 Act of 2018-2019
 - Motion to move GS18-09 and GS18-10 as block to floor by Senator 38, seconded by Senator 5

- Author, Sam Quick, Chair of SGA Budget committee: Explains the budget allocation. Yields time for questions.
- Senator 21: Motion to pass GS18-09 and GS18-10 by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 59
- No objections
- Motion passes

- GF18-11 Alcohol Act of Fall 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 6, seconded by Senator 40
 - Author, Dan Williams: Calling for beer to be sold in the stadium. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 109: Is there going to be limit of amount to be sold or is it on the discretion of the seller?
 - Author: I am not going to tell our university legislatures to how to do it. Some universities limit 3 drinks. They limit the level how strong the drinks are. They look at student ID to check the age. University will determine their own safety process.
 - Senator 82: Is university already looking into it?
 - Author: They are looking into it. They have mentioned to lay a policy in late October about selling beer and alcohol in stadium. Also, one of the Assistant AD are looking in it. Principle is not revenue generation but consumer experience.
 - Senator 82: Does the university support it?
 - Author: Yes, we do support it.
 - Senator 5: Is there are research on traffic violations etc. and the numbers for them?
 - Author: All these numbers are looped together. Accidents, emergencies, traffic violations, etc. If they showed any change at all, they went down.
 - Senator 40: Is it only specific to beers or other drinks, like margaritas, etc. too?
 - Author: This resolution is specific to beer but other universities have moved forward from beer to other drinks as well.
 - Senator 18: Explain current policy we have so far.
 - Author: We have a block in the stadium for it.
 - Senator 18: How many seats are there in that block?
 - Author: About 1,000 seats.
 - Senator 10: If I buy beer and hand it over to a 16-year-old cousin, how will that be policed?
 - Author: There are policies for it, like buy one beer or two beers at a time. We have security, ROTC, emergency police and campus policy to monitor it.
 - Senator 82: Few representatives who voted against this resolution. Why was it?
 - Author: They never reported any personal reasons for. Just voted negative, may be they thought was wrong. I acknowledge that they voiced their opinion.
 - **Motion to extend discussion by 10 minutes by Senator 40, seconded by Senator 109**
 - Senator 9: Who gets the profits?
 - Author: After the operating cost and university athletic program, whatever is left over goes to university as large and paid for operating there and whatever is left goes to the fund and allocated at university at large.
 - Senator 82: Will these be sold buy venders?
 - Author: They are sold by concession stands.
 - **Senator 70: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.**
 - Seconded by Senator 71
 - Objected by Senator 103

- **Senator 95: Motion to vote by Placards.**
- Seconded by Senator 82
Yes = 120, 119, 95, 110, 62, 48, 16, 93, 60, 40, 19, 49, 108, 21, 34, 33, 6, 5, 59, 3, 9, 70, 64, 38, 25, 109, 27, 73, 82, 68, 67, 74, 117, 115, 71, 77, 18 and 94.
No = 96, 15, 105 and 103.
Abstention = 111, 69 and 10.
- Motion passes

Old Business:

Motion to move Old Business to the floor by Senator 38, seconded by Senator 77

- GF18-08 Electoral Impediments & Inconveniences Minimization Act of 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 9, seconded by Senator 18
 - Author, Donald Duechting: One difference made in the Act. Word “printed” added in the act. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 40: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 77
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GF18-06 Polling Location Act of Fall 2018
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 40
 - Brandon Swearingin: Asked for authors explanation regarding the veto process.
 - Senator 120 objected.
 - Author, Brandon Swearingin, Co-Author, Tom Cassidy: The number and location of the polling places shall be established by an Act of the Legislative Branch. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 74: Each table \$200 plus what else?
 - Author: It includes reservation of table plus paying the workers \$20 per day and some snacks for them. So, there are some additional cost.
 - Senator 74: How much does it cost on average?
 - Author: Last Spring they spent on cookies and stuff around \$680. So, there might be an increase in it, so the cost divided by 5 for each polling location is the number.
 - Senator 74: Were any polling locations been eliminated in the past, historically?
 - Author: So last year there were two polling places that are struck. One is the Bookmark Café in Bizzzell Library and the IT Store and IT store is kept. Before last year, it was those two and Dale Hall, which is being added back this year.
 - Fol Senator 74: Why was Bookmark Café eliminated?
 - Author: I don’t know the exact reason. Carrie: It was eliminated in the congress. I don’t have the exact reason but there was not much foot traffic in that area.
 - Senator 74: Previously you couldn’t track, where votes come from?
 - Author: Yes
 - Senator 74: Do you have placed anything this year to track that?
 - Author: I spoke to the chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress about that. So, in the discussion we came up to that the workers will be instructed to keep an excel sheet tallies of not only who comes and votes on those polling locations but also who visits those polling locations and not necessarily vote there. Latter is because, the polling booth still serves its purpose that is reminding students to vote.
 - Senator 74: Do you have any estimates on numbers?

- Author: No Sir, your estimates are as good as mine.
- Senator 21: Motion to move to Internal Affairs committee
- Senator 89 Objected
- **Senator 40: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.**
- Seconded by Senator 82
- Objected by Senator 74
- **Senator 6: Motion to vote by Placards.**
- Seconded by Senator 34
- Yes** = 119, 120, 38, 73, 82, 105, 68, 103, 67, 71, 18, 115, 117, 111, 94, 69, 27, 15, 70, 108, 10, 9, 96, 21, 49, 34, 33, 6, 5, 59, 3, 93, 60, 40, 19, 62, 58, 16 and 95
- No** = 74 and 109
- Abstentions** = 110, 64, 25 and 77
- Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Senator 3, seconded by Senator 71.

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.