

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
02/24/2019, 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Senator 18, seconded by Senator 62

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair: Hello Everyone. Carrie is not going to be here so, I will be presiding over the meeting today.
- Secretary: Thank you for the ones who submitted their committee preference forms on orgsync. If you have not filled one, I believe you would like to be placed in which ever committee needs your services most. I have organized the committees as you can see you the list in the presentation. I would need the names of the three positions (chair, vice-chair and secretary) for your committees, so, ones who have not been highlighted, please contact m after the meeting and I will update my list. Thanks. Also, don't forget to sign your name on the committee forms. This is how I keep attendance records.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: No Report
- Development & Philanthropy: We have a meeting coming up on Wednesday with External Affairs and International office in order to discuss the access to technology and resources available to exchange students and visiting scholars.
- External Affairs: We are working on a survey to send out to graduate students and looking for suggestions from senators. If anyone of you is interested in reviewing the survey or have questions regarding it, please contact us after meeting.
- Human Diversity: We are supporting development and philanthropy in their plans, though we are not available to go to the meeting on Wednesday.
- Internal Affairs: No Report
- Public Relations: We have sent out an email for committee information and have got 2 responses so far. We forgot to ask to share their future plans with us, so feel free to send us an email with details.
- Sustainability: No Report
- Ways and Means: Applications are due this Friday at 5 pm.

Special Orders: Motion to move to new business to floor by Senator 35, seconded by Senator 117

- GS19-13 Elections Rules and Procedures Reform Act of 2019
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 09, seconded by Senator 22
 - Author, **Richard Holt**, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress; The purpose of this act shall be to reform the rules and procedures for SGA Elections. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 21: How many signed up and paid \$150 last year?
 - Author: Both candidates did pay. One of the candidates failed to get the signatures though.

- Follow-up: What if no one qualifies this year and we do not have any candidates, then what?
- Author: It is just there so, that the candidates are apply after putting in a thought and show their commitment. It is like a cap and one needs to get this many candidates on their campaign to be a legitimate candidate for election. If nobody happen too file, George will be the right person to answer that.
- George: If no one applies, the filing would be open again.
- Author: Additional 24 hour period is given if the candidates lack the number of signatures to make up for them.
- Senator 82: What is the other option?
- George: The filing opens tomorrow up till Thursday and if need be, it could be open again.
- Senator 61: Why 500?
- Author: 500 is an arbitrary number. It has always been there and there is really no reason.
- Senator 82: My only concern is that there is no specific language saying that if the number is not reached, what to do next? Do they have start over?
- Author: No, they don't need to start over.
- George: There is a wording in legislation that says to open again.
- Author: It is just a personal opinion that the position in SGA and there would be candidates interested in the position, its just the matter of when they decide to start working on it.
- Senator 108: I heard a lot of perhaps. When was the last time the signatures were submitted?
- George: We get signatures every time.
- Senator 21: As there might be students who are less involved than others or have not been in college for that long compared to others and have difficulty in getting the 500 signatures. So may be allowing a second option of like 500 signatures or like 300 signatures along with \$150 dollars.
- Author: That is a good point, thinking over this idea that who are the candidates who are applying and eliminating them on this. We can look into it.
- Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 10
- No objections
- Motion passes

Old Business: Motion to move to old business to floor by Senator 67, seconded by Senator 62

- GS19-10 SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019
 - Motion to move to floor by Senator 35, seconded by Senator 74
 - Author, **Emma Ridenour**, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association. This legislation appoints Julie Chen as the SGA Interior cabinet director. Yields time for questions.
 - Senator 77: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator 71
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 59, seconded by Senator 97.

Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.