

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2019 6:30 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235

Call to Order at 6:37pm by Chair

Approval of the Minutes by Senator 94, Seconded by Senator 81

Officer Reports:

- Chair – Thanks to Development & Philanthropy and Secretary Davis for putting together End of Semester Social. Please make sure to take part as O’Connell’s is open just for us.
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary – Thanks for a great Semester and I look forward to continuing to serve as a Senator and Committee Member

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs – Nothing to Report
- Development & Philanthropy – Toys for Tots (Now until Dead Week) in SGA Offices, Micro/Plant Biology Building, Law School, and Chem/Biochem Building.
- External Affairs – Compiling final results of survey (66 responses received)
- Human Diversity – Decided to improve language & address issues, define goals of Mental Health measure. Will be addressed next semester. Had Joint Committee meeting with Congress on Blackface Bill
- Internal Affairs – Nothing to Report
- Public Relations – Please sign Photo Release on OrgSync. Made progress on Instagram account.
- Sustainability – OU ranked Top 25 Green Colleges by Princeton Review
- Ways and Means – Nothing to Report

Special Orders: Motion to move Special Orders to the floor by Senator 29, Seconded by Senator 34

- GF19-24 Inclusivity in the Code Annotated Act
(Motion to move to the floor by Senator 59, Seconded by Senator 34)
Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent by Senator 61, Seconded by Senator 17 PASSES
- GF19-25 Inclusivity in the SGA Constitution Act
(Motion to move to the floor by Senator 110, Seconded by Senator 81)
Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent by Senator 34, Seconded by Senator 59 PASSES
- GF19-26 Resolution for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the Student Government Association
(Motion to move to the floor by Senator 11, Seconded by Senator 74)
21 Ways & Means section – What does that mean? – (Left vague to open from development)
21 (On Information) – Why is this necessary due to processes already? (Just attempting to give guidelines)
109 (On Information) – How can we diversify our committees if we’re not able to be involved in the process of selection of Committee Member selection? (Chair – We try to ensure Committees are diverse from the time of assignment)
21 (On Information) – How are Committees Assigned? (Chair – First by preference then need)
53 (Friend Amendment) Change “Affordable” to “Accessible” Practices (Accepted)
Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent by Senator 12, Seconded by Senator 7 PASSES

- GF19-27 A Resolution Increasing Halal, Vegan, and Gluten-Free Signage in Campus Dining Areas
 Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 13, Seconded by Senator 98
 53 (Clarification) – On preparation of food, are areas set aside for prep? (Yes)
 94 (Point of Information) – Are menus shared with campus? (No, just to Administration and online)
 21 (Point of Information) – Why not two legislations for signage and one for more options on campus? (Wanted to bring the points brought in meetings with Food Services)
 116 (Point of Information) – How is this planned to be implemented? (Plan stands for implementation in May 2020 and the resolution is for holding them accountable.)
 21 (Point of Information) – Can section 2 be Section 4 then shift accordingly as Friendly Amendment? (Accepted)
 53 (Friendly Amendment) – Placement of signage that prep is not in a separate area (Accepted)
Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent by Senator 21, Seconded by Senator 62 PASSES

- GF19-28 Inclusivity Consistency Act
 Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 7, Seconded by Senator 40
 21 (Point of Information) – Why was the term “first-year students” instead of just “Freshman” was not included in this bill considering GF19-26? (Very good point that just wasn’t considered during preparation of bill) Follow-up 21 Friendly Amendment to change “Freshman” to “First Year Student” (Accepted)
 89 (Point of Information) – Is this term only first years or students under 32 hours? (First years out of High School)
 119 (Friendly Amendment) Change to “First Year Student” to “First Year Undergraduate”? (Accepted)
 18 (Point of Information) Why was the term “harmful” used and not a term like “might be harmful” Follow-up Friendly Amendment to change “harmful” to “Might be harmful” (Accepted)

Motion to move to Roll Call vote by Senator 21, Seconded by Senator 59

Yea (51 votes) –

Senators 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 27, 29, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 49, 51, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 67, 68, 71, 73, 74, 81, 89, 90, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 119, and 121

Nay (5 votes) –

Senators 11, 33, 53, 83, and 120

Abstain (1 votes) –

Senator 77

GF19-28 PASSES with a vote of 51 In Favor, 5 Opposed, and 1 Abstaining

- GF19-29 Auxiliary Allocation 11 Act of 2019-2020
 116 (Point of Information) Why two separate AKDP requests? (Two separate events requested separately)
- GF19-30 Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act of 2019-2020
Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent both GF19-29 & GF19-30
by Senator 37, Seconded by Senator 7 PASS
- Secretary Elections by GSS Chair Melissa Maxey
 - Nominees:
 - Ferraro, Rin (Department of Sociology)

- Vijay, Vivek (Division of Regional and City Planning)

Senator Rin Ferraro elected GSS Secretary and will take office December 1st, 2019

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 7:29pm Motion by Senator 97, Seconded by Senator 81

