

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

November 7, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Passcode: 04729484

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Crider (43)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Please make sure you put your senator number before your name on Zoom. We are still working on the issues with the travel card. We are working on getting some clear guidelines that will help make sure anyone applying for a travel card can avoid being rejected without knowing why
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report
- Secretary:
 - Please make sure your committee has submitted an attendance form. Committee chairs, if you could...please confirm with whoever takes attendance for your committee that the form has been sent. If that person is gone, or if you want to make double sure your committee's attendance is recorded, just write down their names and senator numbers of any committee members in the zoom right now, that will make sure we don't lose track of people, and everyone can be counted present.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Nabhan (123): went over mockup for the newsletter. Deadline for us to get the newsletter out is December 1st. It will include graduate student events, scholarship events, academic/scholarship deadlines, etc.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Matney (60): we got responses back from our poll, but if you want to be involved, I sent a poll from matney@ou.edu so
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Ulrich (11): We met with the dean of the grad college to discuss results of the Grad SERU survey. They said this survey will be sent out periodically in the future too, so our committee discussed ideas for questions we might ask to add as well as what we would do with that data.
- Human Diversity:
 - Senator Tomte (96): Met with Calvin White in office of DEI. We discussed ideas to raise awareness on campus and he referred me to another person who handles graduate student inclusion.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Munteanu (49): we talked about possibly creating a survey but hope to make it short in order to improve response rate. We want to extend programs that are available to

undergraduate students but not graduate students to include grad students. We want to avoid situations where international grad students arrive in the country and have nowhere to stay for a week or so. We got a discouraging email from OU about our ideas for a ride sharing program/bus routes for groceries. They recommended a bike sharing program.

- Public Relations:
 - Senator Long (13): our focus right now is getting information from other chairs about any information you would like published on the Instagram platform. We are also trying to come up with other initiatives that can help PR. Send ideas to gsspr@ou.edu.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Tinney (91): We want to add to the bylaws that a sustainability committee member regularly attend the Student Environmental Coalition (SEC) meetings. We have been doing that this year and it has gone very well so we would like to make that a permanent addition.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): We continued coming up with ideas to improve the GSS grant and application process. We will be moving the spring deadline up from March to February. This year it will be Feb. 19th which should give students enough time (5 weeks from start of semester).

Special Orders:

- Presentation: Teaching Evaluation Working Group
- Motion to move GF21-19 Graduate Student Senate Secretary Service Hours Requirements Act from Special orders to New Business by Senator Nsude (54), seconded by Senator Yacyszyn (110)

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF21-17 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2021-2022
 - Motion to move GF21-17 to floor by Senator Marcolina (63), seconded by Senator Monaghan (94)
 - Author Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF21-18 Preserving Indigenous Languages Resolution of 2021
 - Motion to move GF21-18 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Ulrich (11)
 - Author Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District, Citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma: Resolution expressing desire to promote to the Board of Regents and the University President an expansion of the current course selection in indigenous languages to promote advanced knowledge and fluency of indigenous languages.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Walton (85): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections

- Motion passes
- GF21-06 Title IX Reorganization and Optimization Act of 2021
 - Motion to move GF21-06 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Ulrich (11)
 - Authors Representative Eileah Hale, Social Sciences District; and Member Loc Vu, Congressional Associate: The purpose of this act shall one (1) condense the External Boards covered in to only those pertinent to Title IX and SGA and two (2) remove External Boards placed under oversight of the Provost's office and Student Affairs from The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF21-19 Graduate Student Senate Secretary Service Hours Requirements Act
 - Motion to move GF21-19 to floor by Senator Ulrich (11), seconded by Senator Mattingly (57)
 - Author Graduate Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) to modify the service hours requirement of the GSS Secretary.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Walton (85): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Academic integrity council

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Mondal (4), seconded by Senator Long (13).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:51 PM