

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA  
September 12, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

**Zoom**

**<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/91235083226>**

**Passcode: 04729484**

**Call to Order: 7:15 pm**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: Welcome to GSS. Thank you to our committees for choosing your new chairs! For your committee reports, please tell me who you have identified as your chair for this school year. Chairs, I will be reaching out to you in the next week or so to schedule lunch meetings to chat about your committees in the upcoming weeks. Survey from the library that I will be sending out – please consider distributing to your department. We want to be more in touch with the graduate college this year. Introducing deans of the graduate college.
- Please join the engage page.
  - Randy Hewes: thank you for having us, Sherri is not here but Lizz Karr and I are happy to talk with you!
  - Lizz Karr: Welcome back and welcome all new senators
  - RH: last year was a tough year with the pandemic but it is important to not lose momentum on important things we are working on. This is a great start for GSS and the GC as far as working together. GSS provided critical input on our strategic plan. The first component of the strategy is to lower fees for graduate assistants. We have reduced them significantly and while it is too early to say what will happen in fall 2022, we plan to continue this trend. We are using the results from the GradSERU survey to find key findings we can share and improve graduate student experiences. WE are working on a degree requirements tool to track your progress. WE will be speaking regularly with the GSS team and working with them on any concerns you may have. Thank you!
  - Chair: Thank you we very much appreciate you being here and we look forward to working with you.
- Vice-Chair: I think Claire Covered it. Nothing new to report
- Secretary: Nothing new to report

**Committee Reports:**

- **Chair:** Typically, the chairs of each committee make up Executive Council, which meets to see legislation the week before our General Meeting. Any bills not seen by EC remain in special orders and must be moved to new business to proceed. If there is ever a bill that you feel you need more time to look over and would like EC to see before the General Body, you can motion to table the bill.
- Academic Affairs: Chair: 123-Jared Nabhan; Vice-Chair: 17-Tielyer Creason; Secretary: 12-Rana Ajeeb chair Jacob Matney #60
- Development & Philanthropy: Chair: 60-Jacob Matney; Vice-Chair: 38-Brianne Barnett; Secretary: 122-David Morrison
- External Affairs: Chair: 11-Rebecca Ulrich; Vice-Chair: 89-James Beyer; Secretary: 57-Kyle Mattingly

- Human Diversity: Chair: 96-Christine Tomte; Vice-Chair: 64-Millie Millburn; Secretary: 29-Christina Schwartz
- Internal Affairs: Chair: 112-Jordan Norris; Vice-Chair: 43-Emily Crider; Secretary: 82-Tom Hamilton
- Public Relations: Chair: 13-David Long; Vice-Chair: 86-Bailee Hutchinson; Secretary: 44-Kelsey Willems
- Sustainability: Chair: 91-Emily Tinney; Vice-Chair: 53-Valerie Doornbos; Secretary: 19-Dayton Dorman
- Ways and Means: Chair: 85-Lexi Walton; Vice-Chair: 119-Isabella Chiareli; Secretary: 21-Anthony Machette

### **Special Orders:**

Motion to move special orders to new business by Senator Hamilton (82) seconded by Senator Hutchinson (86).

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

- GF21-01 Red River Holiday Act of 2021
  - Motion to move GF21-01 to floor by Senator Nabhan (123), seconded by Senator Morrison (122)
  - Author Crispin South, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this act shall be to officially submit an unscheduled holiday to the University President for approval pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Regents policy manual.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Walton (85): is this a school holiday or would staff be allowed off too?
    - Author: just a student holiday
  - Senator Marcolina (63): is this the holiday for the football game
    - Chair: Yes!
  - Senator Tinney (91): what bearing does this have on activities
    - George Ahmadi: Just no instruction, you can still have activities
  - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GF21-02 Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2021-2022
  - Motion to move GF21-02 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
  - 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. I am chair of WAM for congress. This is our first aux bill of the year. Often the first aux bill is large because orgs weren't eligible for primary and will use the first Aux as their primary source of funding
  - Yields time for question
    - No questions
  - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

- GF21-03 Act Appointing the 2021 - 2022 SGA Election Commissioner
  - Motion to move GF21-03 to floor by Senator Ulrich von Barga (11), seconded by Senator Mattingly (57)
  - Author Alex Gray SGA Vice President: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2021 - 2022 Election Commissioner. We are appointing Isaac Kabrick for the position of election commissioner. We feel he will do great. Isaac would pretty much run the election processes for SGA. The election commissioner runs the election committee as well. Yielding the rest of our time to Isaac for him to introduce himself.
  - Isaac Kabrick: I am a 6<sup>th</sup> year senior student studying PR and Law. Last year there were some laws passed that make the election procedures very democratic and I am excited to continue that. I have worked on over 12 elections. I like rules and this is a job of rules.
  - Yields time for questions
    - No questions
  - Senator Tinney (91): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

**Announcements:**

Chair: George would you mind introducing yourself?

George: I work in the Conoco student leadership office on the first floor. I serve as the director of student government and student organization services. I serve as one of the advisors to SGA. I meet with Claire and the executive team and their undergraduate counterparts. GSS is unique because you often do not see graduate student organizations around the country. Please reach out to me at [kga@ou.edu](mailto:kga@ou.edu).

Chair: We will answer all questions about being chair soon in a separate meeting. Look for an email by Tuesday about this.

Chair: Rin and I have office hours and if you have questions or need help with anything please come by.

Chair: We will have nominations and elections for secretary next time.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Jarvis (39), seconded by Senator Walton (85).

**Adjournment:**

Time: 7:49 PM