

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

**April 25, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom**

**<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93757784892?pwd=TjBCSUNqY2kxS2xJUmYwZ0E5VmtFUT09>**

**Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator (40).

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - Chair Burch: I encourage all of you to continue to push the GradSERU survey to your Department members. I would also like to survey all of your opinions about holding in-person, Zoom or hybrid meetings next Session. Please review your email in the following days for the poll.
- Vice Chair:
  - Senator Ferraro (120): Nothing to report.
- Secretary:
  - Senator Israel (81): Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs:
  - Senator Hunter (70), proxy for Senator Nabhan (44): We drafted emails and discussed how to notify awardees of their receipt of a graduate assistant award.
- Development & Philanthropy:
  - Senator Tennell (37), Interim Chair: We will be inviting others from \_\_\_ to attend our committee meetings next Session.
- External Affairs:
  - Senator Chen (112), Interim Chair: Presented the results of the committee's Covid-19 impact survey. The results can be accessed here: [INSERT LINK]
- Human Diversity:
  - Senator Tomte (96): We are planning to organize a virtual panel on May 14 for three-minute presentation about diversity at OU.
- Internal Affairs:
  - Senator Delafield (111): We will be working this summer to create a layman's presentation on the Bylaws for new-member orientation.
- Public Relations:
  - Senator Waterman (78): Nothing to report.
- Sustainability:
  - Senator Rocha (53): Nothing to report.
- Ways and Means:
  - Senator Walton (85): Our committee set due dates for grant applications next fall and spring semesters. We will release those dates closer to the new term. We will also be updating the date ranges for applications on the website.

\*Motion to move GS21-48, GS21-50, GS21-51 and GS21-52 from Special Orders to New Business by Senator Linsey (7), seconded by Senator Bonine (107).

## Special Orders:

### • Outreach and Education Ad Hoc Committee Report

- Senator Israel (81): Due to our former Chair's resignation and changes to elected leadership, the Outreach and Education Ad Hoc Committee was unable to meet and fulfill its intended purpose prior to this date. However, the original bill, GS21-22 Outreach and Education Ad Hoc Committee Act, permitted the body to extend the duration of this bill and alter its composition upon the conclusion of this report. Per our recent revision to the Bylaws, to extend the duration of this ad hoc committee and to update its membership, a Senator must motion to suspend the rules and reconsider the initial act that created the ad hoc committee. Upon a second to that motion, this body may amend the committee's duration, composition and scope. To conclude, a Senator must motion to move to a roll-call vote, whereby a simple majority vote is necessary to pass continue the committee.
  - Motion to suspend the rules and reconsider GS21-22 Outreach and Education Ad Hoc Committee Act by Senator Woodworth (108), seconded by Senator Rocha (53).
  - Author: Are there any volunteers who wish to be a member of this committee?
    - Senator Walton (85): I volunteer.
    - Senator Nabhan (44): I volunteer.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike the names of the committee provided in Section 8, to retain Caroline Sparks, Communications Director for the SGA Executive branch, and to add the names of the volunteers to that section?
  - Author: Yes, I will accept that amendment.
  - Author: Is there an amendment to amend Section 10 to change the duration of the committee to "until the last general meeting of the fall 2021 academic semester," as well as to amend reference to, "At the last general meeting of the current Session," in Section 12 to instead read, "Upon the date provided in Section 10,"?
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Will you accept a friendly amendment to perform what you have just stated?
  - Author: Yes, thank you.
  - Senator Wheaton (43): Motion to Vote by Roll-Call Vote.
  - Seconded by Senator Satalkar (18).
  - Roll-Call Vote: 32-0-15
  - Motion passes.

## Old Business:

## New Business:

### • GS21-48 Conoco Office Allocation Bill 2020-2021

- Motion to move GS21-48 to the floor by Senator Linsey (7), seconded by Senator Chesbro (60).
- Author, Tavana Farzaneh (SGA President), Alex Gray (SGA Vice President), Claire Burch (Graduate Student Senate Chair), Crispin South (Undergraduate Student Congress Chair), and Lafonzo Spigner (Campus Activities Council): The purpose of this legislation is to allocated office space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center to the listed organizations for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Yields time for questions.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Wasn't there an earlier bill to overhaul the office allocation in the Conoco Student Leadership Center?
  - Author: That bill was presented in spring of last year, and it appeared before the Undergraduate Student Congress this past fall. It was later amended by joint

committee to extend the duration of the current tenants. No other change was passed by either legislative body.

- Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.
  
- **GS21-50 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2021-2022**
  - Motion to move GS21-50 to the floor by Senator Hamilton (82), seconded by Senator Donahue (12).
  - Author, Claire Burch (Graduate Student Senate Chair), Rin Ferraro (Graduate Student Senate Vice Chair), and Dayten Israel (Graduate Student Senate Secretary): The purpose of this legislation is to approve the nominations for the 2021-2022 Academic Appeals Panelists.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - No questions.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
  
- **GS21-51 Ensure International Student Voices are Heard Act of 2021**
  - Motion to move GS21-51 to the floor by Senator Omoumi (40), seconded by Senator Waterman (78).
  - Author, Nishit Garg (Life Sciences District Representative) and Camilo Aponte Duque (Department of Inclusivity Member): The purpose of this legislation is to amend the SGA Code Annotated to include international student liaisons to the Executive Office of the President.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - Senator Woodworth (108): Will you accept a friendly amendment to amend Section 3's reference to the International Student Liaison position description to include: "The International Student Liaison shall be interviewed in collaboration with the International Advisory Committee and appointed by the SGA President and Department of Inclusivity Director."? Will you accept another friendly amendment to add, "This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution and shall expire one (1) year after passage. Upon that expiration, the Congressional Administration Committee shall investigate and legislate the program further, if successful" to Section 4?
    - Author: Yes, I will accept.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
  
- **GS21-52 Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair Appointment Act of 2021**
  - Motion to move GS21-52 to the floor by Senator Bonine (107), seconded by Senator Hakizimana (3).
  - Author, Crispin South (Undergraduate Student Congress Chair), Tavana Farzaneh (SGA President), and Alex Gray (SGA Vice President), presented by Luke Hammock (Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair): The purpose of this legislation is to appoint the named individuals as co-chairs of the Crimson Leadership Association.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - No questions.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.

- Motion passes.
- **GS21-37 Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Governmental Organizations**
  - Motion to move GS21-37 and GS21-38 to the floor as a block by Senator Rocha (53), seconded by Senator Hunter (70).
  - Author, Lauren Patton (SGA Budget Committee Chair), presented by Chair in place of the - author: The purpose of this legislation is to appropriate student activity funds to the listed governmental organizations and to the listed registered student organizations.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - No questions.
  - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
- **GS21-38 Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Registered Student Organizations**
  - Moved to floor as a block with GS21-37.
- **GS21-43 Constituent Recommended Initiative & Student Petition Act of 2021**
  - Motion to move GS21-43 to the floor by Senator Cone (13), seconded by Senator Hunter (70).
  - Author, Crispin South (Undergraduate Student Congress Chair), presented by Chair in place of the author: The purpose of this legislation is to reorganize and reform petitioning procedures and regulations within the SGA Code Annotated, to allow the submission of general petitions, establish a verified petitioning platform, and alter responsibilities within the Executive branch with regard to petition procedures and response.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - Senator Woodworth (108): Since we've transitioned to Engage, does this bill specifically name Engage in the bill?
    - Author: The bill is fairly modular, so if there is a change, it will be easy to update the bill to accommodate a platform change, though it is unlikely we will transition to another platform.
    - Senator Waterman (78): This petition process applies to students only and not legislative representatives? What is the difference between the legislative branch and SGA?
    - Author: When something refers to SGA, that is often referring to all members of SGA under its Constitution. Petitions would be put up as ballot initiatives as a general question to the entire student body. Additionally, any member of SGA can submit a petition, which would include legislative representatives.
  - Senator Rocha (53): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
- **GS21-49 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**
  - Motion to move GS21-49 to the floor by Senator Linsey (7), seconded by Senator Woodworth (108).
  - Author, Academic Affairs Committee, presented by Senator Hunter (70) (Academic Affairs Committee Chair): The purpose of this legislation is to award the named students Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2020-2021 academic year.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - Senator Jarvis (39): How many applicants were there for each award?

- Author: We had five for outstanding overall, five for research and four for teaching. There were 14 applicants total.
    - Senator Satalkar (18): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
    - No objections.
    - Motion passes
- **GS21-46 Resignations and Removals Act**
  - Motion to move GS21-46 to the floor by Senator Woodworth (108), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82).
  - Author, Dayten Israel (Graduate Student Senate Secretary): The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide revised policies and procedures affecting resignations and removals of Senators in the Graduate Student Senate.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - No questions.
  - Senator Walton (85): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
- **GS21-44 Updated Procedures Act**
  - Motion to move GS21-44 to the floor by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Satalkar (18).
  - Author, Dayten Israel (Graduate Student Senate Secretary): The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide revised policies and procedures affecting the duties of membership and general rules of senatorial operation.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - No questions.
  - Senator Linsey (7): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.
- **GS21-45 Department Status Bill**
  - Motion to move GS21-45 to the floor by Senator Woodworth (108), seconded by Senator Linsey (7).
  - Author, Claire Burch (Graduate Student Senate Chair), Rin Ferraro (Graduate Student Senate Vice Chair) and Dayten Israel (Graduate Student Senate Secretary): The purpose of this legislation is to update Graduate Student Senate Department statuses for the full academic year 2020-2021.
  - Yields time for questions.
    - Senator Waterman (78): What is the outcome of being on probation or in bad standing?
    - Author: Anyone on probation or in bad standing does not qualify for funding from GSS.
    - Senator Woodworth (108): Why does Mathematics have an asterisk?
    - Author: That was a scrivener's error. We will update that.
  - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to Pass by Unanimous Consent.
  - No objections.
  - Motion passes.

**Announcements:**

- Rafia Mallick: I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to work alongside all of you the past few years. I believe Claire Burch and Rin Ferraro will do an excellent job.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Omoumi (40), seconded by Senator Jenkins (77).

**Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.**