

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

November 17th, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Mission Statement: Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting:

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2022/GSS-11-3GAM-Minutes.pdf>

- Senator Gupta (67), seconded by Senator Fogg (81)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Nothing new to report. Those interested in serving on speaker bureau can let Claire know.
- Vice-Chair: Nothing to report (at conference)
- Secretary: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: We have finalized the survey questions. We will share the link with survey questions with the GSS chair by Nov 18. Later, we will share the link with all the senators asking for their responses to the survey questions
- Development & Philanthropy: Discussed food drive bins, the stages of buns. One was overflowing and needs picked up. Picking up Monday. -Throwing out ideas for spring semester project, none yet set in stone.
- External Affairs: We discussed the questions that we would be sending the Grad College to get data from the last GradSERU survey. We also planned on creating a qualtrics survey of our own to distribute to students.
- Internal Affairs: Discussed a few bills. Funding grants are one of them. Numbers will include the applications and the amounts and an explanation behind the decisions. - 1 Bill has some issues (A no recommendation from the Executive Committee) and that the GSS needs the authors to do some due diligence to make the resolutions. Basically they need to reach out to the departments and check the feasibility of making it happen. What Claire (GSS Chair) discovered was that there was no conversation with the parking people. The authors reached out, but there was never a return phone call or conversation. - Expressed concerns of what we need to do during the discussion on the resolution. Committee members are prepared to engage and ask questions. - Finally an aux bill. No issues with this. - 82- Tom Hamilton will be the acting Secretary at the general meeting as Jordan will be at a function.
- International Student Affairs: nothing to report
- Public Relations: National College Health Assessment Survey sent over information. Graphics have been created and reviewed by committee highlighting individual committees, will be finalized and posted. Food Drive graphics have been created and posted. Secondary graphics will be released at a later date. Google sheet has been created for volunteers for creating graphics and ideas for social media. Volunteer is going to try to take a picture of bin for food drive

- Sustainability: nothing to report
- Ways and Means: discussed final steps for grant funding, namely sending outcome emails to applicants

Student Concerns: Nothing to report

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- **GF22-17 Salute to Veterans Parking Act (Rec of No Rec)**
 - Motion to move GF22-17 to floor by Senator Gupta (67), seconded by Senator Lasky-Headrick (107)
 - Author Michael T. Reynolds Sr., College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences School of Aviation Studies and Shrey Kathuria, University College Representative: Purpose of the legislation is to Increase the number of designated parking spaces to thirteen spots to represent the thirteen stripes of the American flag. A lot of them have PTSD but do not say it. Also requesting student veteran decals.
 - Yields time for questions
 - Senator Fogg (81): A little hesitant because she wants to know how feasible the program is and if parking services has been contacted.
 - Author: Parking Services said that said that four total spaces is enough. Author advocates that the spaces do not need to be all in one spot (spread around the campus).
 - Senator Norris (44): Motion for Roll Call Vote
 - Seconded by Senator Karami (7)
 - Senators voting yes: Senator Harmon (83), Senator Limqueco (97), Senator Hoff (12), Senator Cabot (108), Senator Solera Guevara (27), Senator Norris (44), Senator Hlanze (3), Senator Buelow (59), Senator Maryada (24), Senator Singleton (5), Lasky-Headrick (107), Senator White (89), Senator Mondal (4), Senator Babayemi (73), Senator Khadem (34), Senator Gray (98), Senator Lander (18), Senator Chiareli (119), Senator Halder (90), Senator Mentzer (11), Senator Winkle (109), Senator Baranker (105), Senator Mitchell (37), Senator Wilson (23), Senator Talukder (53), Senator Rashidzadeh (71), Senator Wisser (9), Senator Conner (84), Senator Monaghan (94), Senator Walsh (6), Senator Morrison (122), Senator Cox (77), Senator Walton (85), Senator Bruce (91), Senator Kirkpatrick (86), Senator Carlton (40), Senator Aboukeila (16), Senator Moguel Santos (96), Senator Donner (30), Senator Hamilton (82), Senator Fogg (81), Senator Gupta (67), Senator Gibson (110), Senator Slane (63), and Senator Emre (68)
 - Senators voting no: Senator Eschbach (78), Senator Van (17), Senator Reichert-Blume (60), and Senator Karami (7)
 - Senators abstaining: Senator Tessmer (120)
 - Motion passes: 44-4-1
- **GF22-18 Voicing Our Thoughts Electorally Act (Rec of Do Pass)**
 - Motion to move GF22-18 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Gibson (110)
 - Author Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman of the USC: Purpose of the legislation is to encourage the university to promote students' ability to vote on election day.
 - Yields time for question

- Senator Hamilton (82): With the understanding that many of the students are non-residence, rather than asking for an excused “two hours of time during the time period when an election is open in which to vote” is there any thought on legislation talking about absentee voting which would require missing no class time, or about early voting that happens here in Oklahoma, where polls are open three other days besides election day to include on the Saturday prior?
 - Author involved in OK vote and handed out absentee voting information. Admits that younger students may not know about absentee voting and have their own concerns about the process. Addressed the concern on needing more engagements to educate the newer voters.
- Senator Karami (7): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- No objections
- Motion passes
- **GF22-19 An Act of Procedure approving Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2022 Fall Semester (Rec of Do Pass)**
 - Motion to move GF22-19 to floor by Senator Tessmer (120), seconded by Senator Fogg (81)
 - Author 2022-2023 GSS Ways and Means Committee: Purpose of the legislation is to approve Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2022 Fall Semester \$53,842.20 awarded!!!
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Fogg (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GF22-20 Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2022-2023 (Rec of Do Pass)**
 - Motion to move GF22-20 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Harmon (83)
 - Author Demetri Papahronis, Chair, SGA Budget Committee; Brandon Chenevey, Vice 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 Karami (7): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Karami (7), seconded by Senator Donner (30).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:26 PM