

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

April 24th, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: (minutes from previous meeting:

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2022/GSSApril10Minutes2022.pdf>)

- Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Khademoresaian (34)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - State of SGA is tomorrow, please consider attending. Thank you all for a great semester!
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee's attendance form!

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Nabhan (123): No officers found as of yet.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Harmon (83): intending to return as Chair-Aarianna Harmon (83), Vice Chair-Brianne Barnett (38), Secretary- David Morrison (122)
- External Affairs/Human Diversity:
 - Senator Beyer (89): No officers found as of yet.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): Chair- Jordan Norris (112), Vice Chair- Ellie Weaver (22), Secretary Thomas Hamilton (82)
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Alo (58): No officers found as of yet, but we should have them by end of week. Our committee is having a get-together on May 7th
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Long (13): Chair-Senator 86; Secretary- Senator 44; let us know of anything you feel should be announced to graduate students.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Tinney (91): No officers found as of yet. Happy Earth day!
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): Chair- Lexi Walton (85); Vice Chair- Isabella Chiareli (119)

Student Concerns:

- Senator Chiareli (119): The sociology department has been in need of free access to qualitative analytical software like NVivo. I brought the issue up to Dr. Hough who said they would like to see how widespread the need is. There is also a concern where state employees were given raises for

inflation but not state-university-employed graduate students, so a stipend increase in line with increases in inflation would seem necessary.

Special Orders:

Senator Walton (85) motions to move GS22-32 & GS22-33 from special orders to new business, seconded by Senator Buket (67)

Old Business:

New Business:

- **GS22-25 The SGA General Application Codification Act of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-25 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)
 - Author Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee: The SGA General Application creates an application for all branches of SGA to recruit leadership positions. Any regularly enrolled student on the OU Norman Campus can use the SGA General Application to apply for positions in the governing branches of SGA. The application is not mandated for future use. Instead, the SGA General Application Codification Act of 2022 establishes the SGA General Application and provides rules and procedures if the application shall be published during an academic semester. Applicants are allowed to apply for any opportunity they are permitted to in the Code Annotated. Each opportunity is allowed one supplemental page with two (2) essay questions and no more than five (5) other type questions, such as yes/no, ranking, etc. The application shall be open for no less than 12 days and no longer than 15 days.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS22-26 Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair Appointment Act of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-26 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Jarvis (39)
 - Author Co-Chair & Emerita Congressional Administration Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus: Hello, guess who's back [with a brand-new rap]. The Crimson Leadership Association is an organization intended for first-year and transfer students to introduce them to the Student Government Association. Not only have I had the pleasure of serving as the Chairwoman as the Congressional Administration Committee in Congress, but, also, the Co-Chair of the Crimson Leadership Association over this past year. Alongside my Co-Chair Chris Firch, we have spent the past eight months guiding a group of 30 students who we call CLA'ers. Of those 30 CLA'ers, nine students applied to take our places. The SGA President and Vice President helped us by grading their paper applications. Chris and I graded both the interviews and the paper applications. Of those nine students, we picked the two students we would like to take our place. Susannah Lee and Manuvel Sibichan are both first-year students whose answers matched closest to the vision we hold for CLA. Our main goal throughout this year and forward is to keep CLA as SGA focused as possible. Both Susannah and Manuvel believe in that vision. Together, they have experience in CAC and other on RSOs on campus
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS22-27 Support for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Resolution of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-27 to floor by Senator Childers (121), seconded by Senator Babayemi (73)
 - Author Senator Kyle Mattingly, Vice Chair -- External Affairs and Human Diversity Committee: The purpose of this legislation is to resolve that students, staff and faculty of The University of Oklahoma proclaim our university to be an inclusive community and, through the passage of this Resolution, aims to boost the efforts of others who stand with the transgender and gender nonconforming community as well as encourage other universities to join together in giving a stronger voice to transgender and gender nonconforming students. Additionally, it is resolved that the student government association opposes anti-transgender legislation such as or similar to Oklahoma HB3240, SB2, SB583, SB676, SB1100, SB1164, and SB1249 as proposed by the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, Regular Session.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS22-28 Reworking, Understanding and Legislating Election Statues Act of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-28 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Crider (43)
 - Author Emerita Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee: In February of 2022, the SGA Election Resolution Subcommittee (consisting of myself, Emeritus Congressional Chairperson Crispin South, Senate Chairwoman Claire Burch (who joined at a later date) President Zack Lissau, General Council Nick Hazelrigg, Superior Court Chief Justice James Hutchinson, and Election Commissioner Isaac Kabrick) came together to begin amending the SGA election procedures we believed needed changed. In short, those changes include a lengthened campaign timeframe, a new quorum for the Election Commission, legislated congressional run-offs, and a flexible timeline for Superior Court to certify the election. The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association's Code Annotated to (1) reflect necessary election procedures changes (2) update the Election Commission's responsibilities.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS22-29 Thank You Senators David and Garvin Resolution of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-29 to floor by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Norris (112)
 - Author Beth Felkner, Associate: The purpose of this legislation is to resolve that the student government association commends Senators Kim David and Jessica Garvin for their bravery in standing up for what they believe in and speaking out against party lines. We congratulate them for their commitment to the interests of Oklahoma citizens and service to constituents that we wish to emulate in our body.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **GS22-30 Supporting Indigenous Communities Resolution of 2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-30 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Nsude (54)

- Author Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this legislation is to resolve that more action can, and should, still be taken to build relationships with Tribal Nations, celebrate Indigenous OU Community members, and serve Indigenous Communities throughout Oklahoma.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Ruiz Cruz (14): Would the tuition assistance extend to indigenous students not born in united states or is it US-specific?
 - Author: The existing structure in university policies suggests it is US-specific however our resolution here does not specify that, so we could look into that more and make sure.
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GS22-31 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2021-2022**
 - Motion to move GS22-31 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Jarvis (39)
 - Author GSS Academic Affairs Committee: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2021-2022 academic year and provide for distribution.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GS22-32 Support for HB 3720 Resolution**
 - Motion to move GS22-32 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)
 - Author Nathanael Reese, Engineering Representative: The purpose of this legislation is to resolve that the University of Oklahoma should offer support for HB 3720 because it promotes holocaust and antisemitism awareness through education.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GS22-33 2022-2023 Conoco Student Leadership Center Space Allocations Act**
 - Motion to move GS22-33 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)
 - Author Zack Lissau, SGA President: The purpose of this legislation is to allocate office space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center for 2022-2023; providing short title; and providing an effective date.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Jarvis (39), seconded by Senator Tinney (91).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:40 PM