

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

**November 3rd, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/97996963479?pwd=MDRPTWIDY2NuRksrTFIkYVBFZjJxQT09>

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**Call to Order: 7:02 pm**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Senator Gibson (110), seconded by Senator Karami (7)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - Mary has finished creating our committees' subpage on the GSS website. This will allow folks who wander onto our website to see the different items we work on!  
<https://www.ou.edu/sga/graduate-student-senate/committees>
    - Along those lines, if you have included a line in your signature about your role in the Senate, I would love if you might link to our main GSS page to help folks to learn more about what we do.
  - The PR committee sent out a finalized flyer earlier this week advertising the Senate. Please consider printing this out and hanging it in a space in your department shared by other graduate students to help raise awareness about us and the resources we provide. I can help print it out if you don't have access to a printer. It doesn't need to be printed in color, so I'm hoping your department might at least have a black-and-white printer you can use.
  - D&P will likely cover this more in their committee report, but please donate food to the food drive they've kicked off this week!
- Vice-Chair: Nothing new to report.
- Secretary: Nothing new to report.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: We are working on adding more questions to the survey and trying to publish it in the next two weeks.
- Development & Philanthropy: Discussed briefly spring project ideas
- External Affairs/Human Diversity: Discussed becoming a co-sponsor of a bill to recommend student wages, the committee leaned towards doing it but has some questions regarding the process, and the bill.
- Internal Affairs: Discussed upcoming bills and concerns. All primary issues on the specific bill will be brought up during the general meeting during discussion. We are awaiting bills from our committee to review. We may receive an once over.
- International Student Affairs: nothing new to report
- Public Relations: 2 PR opportunities: -Food Drive -Nat'l College Health Assessment Survey Would like to create graphics for these that will be used for the social media accounts Committee funds. Remember to include the accommodation line for the poster
- Sustainability: nothing new to report
- Ways and Means: GSS Grant applications are graded. In today's meeting, the cut-off for the rubric is discussed. The legislation is to be prepared and we'll see it at the November 17th meeting.

**Student Concerns:**

### Special Orders:

- Introduction of Ombudsperson Jeff Harper
  - Resolve conflict
  - Jeff Harp, OU Ombudsperson, 325-4137, ombuds@ou.edu, www.ou.edu/ombuds, Bizzell Library room 213

### Old Business:

### New Business:

- GF22-13 Confetti Makes Me Upset Bill
  - Motion to move GF22 -13 to floor by Senator Gupta (67), seconded by Senator Norris (112)
  - Author (Congress Chair Lacey Lewis and Congress Sustainability Chair Rylee Houston): The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association's Code Annotated to add confetti to the list of non-allowable items.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Hamilton (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GF22-14 Save Bedlam Act
  - Motion to move GF22 -14 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (81)
  - Author (University College Representative Shrey Kathuria): The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that athletic departments and university officials the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University work to maintain the Bedlam rivalry
  - Yields time for question
    - Senator Hamilton (81): Friendly amendment to say "rivalries" and spell out RSO
    - Author: accepts friendly amendment.
    - Senator Gibson (110): Will this cost OU more or less money?
    - Claire: we do not know, but if this passes that would definitely be figured out before it was implemented
  - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GF22-15 Informed Voter Act of 2022
  - Motion to move GF22 -15 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (81)
  - Author (Associate Caleb Robinson and Congress External Affairs Chair Weslie Griffin): The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association discourages the use of straight ticket voting in the November 2022 General Election and promotes the use of well-informed voting practices in all future elections
  - Yields time for question
    - Senator Fogg (82): Do you know if this is representative of the student body?—are they unanimous in what we are asking with this?
    - Author: I talked with about 20 representatives and someone I know talked to 15 and they all agree
    - Senator Bruce (91): did you consider any possible pr issues with this bill due to the proximity of the midterm elections
    - Author: I did not because I do not see how this could be taken as partisan.

- Senator Bruce (91): Claire can you explain the logistics of what happens if this bill is signed
- Author: It likely will not even be printed until after the midterms. It also has already been picked up by the OU daily because a reporter goes into
- Senator Gibson (110): What impact would this bill have?
- Claire direct to Senator Hamilton (82): We did once have a resolution make it to the governor about masking, and I think one about critical race theory
- Senator Gibson (110): Specifically related to elections, is this really our place to be sending this?
- Claire direct to George: We do this a lot actually. You can also ask to send it back to committees or just vote not to pass it. I do think this is very normal for the senate.
- Senator Wilson (23): Can we not do a referendum since some people may not like this?
- The point of representatives is to amplify the voice of the student body. I do not know the details of a referendum
- Senator Norris (112) motion to move to a roll call vote
- Votes to pass: Senator Carlton (40), Senator Alvarado Puchulu (95), Senator Winkle (109), Senator Whitestar (43), Senator Maryada (24), Senator Bruce (91), Senator Cox (77), Senator Mitchell (37), Senator Salas (15), Senator Cabot (108), Senator Morrison (122), Senator Cross (38), Senator Norris (112), Senator Walton (85), Senator Baranker (105), Senator Karami (7), Senator Singleton (5), Senator Donner (30), Senator Khadem (34), Senator Conner (84), Senator Limqueco (97), Senator Slane (63), Senator Wisner (9), Senator Monaghan (94), Senator Chiarelli (119), Senator Lasky-Headrick (107), Senator Rashidzadeh (72), Senator Walsh (6), Senator Sukumaran (64), Senator Kirkpatrick (86), Senator Gray (98), Senator Aboukeila (16), Senator Talukder (53), Senator Eschbach (78), Senator Mentzer (11), Senator Mongel Santos (96), Senator Rastkar Mirzaei (39), Senator Gupta (67), Senator Tessmer (120)
- Votes to not pass: Senator Hamilton (82), Senator Wilson (23), Senator Fogg (81), Senator Gibson (110), Senator Norris (44), Senator Harmon (83), Senator Lander (18), Senator Babayemi (73), Senator Van (17), Senator White (89), Senator Ryal (99), Senator Hlanze (3)
- Abstentions: Senator Rieman (106), Senator Halder (90), Senator Buelow (59), Senator Wilson (115)
- Total votes: 39 Yes, 12 No, 4 Abstain
- Motion passes
- GF22-16 Auxiliary Allocation 5 Act of 2022-2023
  - Motion to move GF22-16 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Whitestar (43)
  - Author (SGA Budget Chair Demetri Papahronis): 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 Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

## Announcements:

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Karami (7), seconded by Senator Norris (112).

**Adjournment:**

Time: 7:56 PM