

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

Januart 30, 2022 6:30 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Long (13)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Please make sure your senator number is at the beginning of your name in Zoom. Welcome back everyone and welcome new senators! Remember that if you leave the meeting early you will be counted absent. If any students in your department have questions about grants, please tell them to contact you, not Lexi, because if she gets all the questions no one will get a quick answer.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please make sure you submit your committee's attendance form.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Creason (17): we discussed an issue where TA offer letters were sent out late. We discussed criteria for the outstanding graduate student award.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Matney (60): We discussed the food drive from last semester. We collected about 40 pounds of food which is great! We discussed an activity for this semester as well
- External Affairs:
 - Chair: These committees were merged this
 - Senator Beyer (89): I stepped up as chair of EA, kyle mattingly new vice chair and Rachel Jarvis new secretary. We are strategizing for this semester.
- Human Diversity:
 - Senator Schwartz (117): nothing new to report
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): Nothing new to report
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Alo (58): We hoped to do a survey to ask about the needs of international students at OU. We discussed things such as ride share to help with groceries. We also would like to have a way to teach international students how to drive.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Long (13): Jill is the new vice chair. We are encouraging senators to do an email blast for the growing GSS committee. Anything you all would like to have posted on the IG let us know
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Tinney (91): Nothing new to report

- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): Q&A is up on the website, instructional videos to come soon. Deadline is February 18th. We discussed the upcoming deadline and we plan to process these by the February 27th meeting.

Special Orders:

- SGA President and Vice President Introduction
 - Zack: I am very excited to collaborate and work with the graduate student senate. OU is unique in having a graduate student senate and I hope to work with you all.
 - Denzel: We are thankful to be able to work with you all and we are excited to improve all parts of our campus.
- Director of Graduate Student and PostDoc Retention and Support Introduction

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS22-01 An Act Appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch of 2022
 - Motion to move GS22-01 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
 - Author Zack Lissau, SGA President; Denzel Akuffo, SGA Vice President: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Lissau-Akuffo Administration within the Executive Branch.
 - Author: Our administration has put forth Lauren Roberts as our nominee as chief of staff. She is extremely qualified and hard working. We have worked with her in leadership positions before. She truly embodies our values. She is involved on campus and works with a venture capital firm in Tulsa. She now works at Boyd Street Ventures. She has done extensive work with OU Dance Marathon. She has many accolades and is a prime example of leadership on campus.
 - Lauren: Hello to everyone! I am excited for the opportunity to serve and look forward to working with you all
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GS22-02 SGA GSS WAM Chair Salary Addition Act of 2022
 - Motion to move GS22-02 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Menja (7)
 - Author Claire Burch, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a salary for the Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair for October and February during the fall and spring GSS Grant cycles.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Senator Willems (44): I am in the PR committee. I just sent an email to you all that I would like you all to disperse to your department.

Senator Liu (77): if senators have questions, who shall I reach out to?

Chair: if you do not have an answer, you can reach out to GSSWAM@ou.edu

Senator Ruiz Cruz (14): If I arrived late, who can I email to record my attendance?

Chair: you can email the secretary at gsssec@ou.edu

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Jarvis (39), seconded by Senator Crider (43).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:32 PM