

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

April 10th, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Approval of the Minutes: (minutes from previous meeting:

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2022/GSSMar27Minutes2022.pdf>)

- Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - We will be doing elections tonight. Jordan brought up an issue with Travel Cards in her department, and because she did that, we were able to clear it up with the deans and get things clarified.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit attendance forms.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Nabhan (123): We will send an email with award winners on Friday.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Matney (60): Big event went very well! We recommend doing it again.
- External Affairs/Human Diversity:
 - Senator Beyer (89): We are exploring vision and dental insurance for Graduate Students.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Alo (58): Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Long (13): Our committee discussed the idea of putting up flyers.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Tinney (91): Reminder that Green Week is not this week but the week after. Follow the Green Week Instagram for more information (@ou_greenweek)!
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): Nothing new to report.

Special Orders:

- Elections
 - Chair: Nominee Claire Burch

- Motion to move elections for Chair to floor by Senator Crider (43), seconded by Senator Walton (85)
 - No objections?
 - Motion passes
- Motion to move into a Q & A period by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Crider (43)
 - No Questions
- Motion to open the floor for a general discussion for the period of 5 minutes by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
 - No objections?
 - Motion passes
 - Senator Walton (85): Likes all three candidates and looks forward to what they will do this next year.
- Motion to move to the voting period by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
 - Roll call vote for chair
 - Yay
 - 51
 - Nay
 - 0
 - Abstentions
 - 0
 - Motion passes
- Vice Chair: Nominee Rin Ferraro
- Motion to begin elections for vice chair by Senator Crider (43), seconded by Senator Walton (85)
 - No objections?
 - Motion passes
- Motion to move into a Q & A period by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Crider (43)
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 - No objections?
 - Motion passes
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- Motion to move to the voting period by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
 - Roll call vote for Vice Chair
 - Yay
 - 53
 - Nay
 - 0
 - Abstentions
 - 0
 - Motion passes
- Secretary: Nominee Cooper Delafield

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 - Roll call vote for Secretary
 - Yay
 - 51
 - Nay
 - 0
 - Abstentions
 - 0
 - Motion passes

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS22-19 Student Regent Resolution of 2022
 - Motion to move GS22-19 to floor by Senator Menja (7), seconded by Senator Marcolina (63)
 - Author Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this resolution is to encourage the appointment of a Student Regent and the permanent establishment of such a position; and provide for distribution.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): In doing some research on the regents, the original legislation was from 1944, there are also regents bylaws that include requirements for trainings. This change will be a major muscle movement. What led to the student government feeling this should be pursued? And is our student government not representation enough without this change?
 - Author: as far as what necessitated this, the idea has been percolating in SGA since at least 2019, and recently we have seen, after last summers tuition and fee raise, there was discussion about a lack of student involvement in the discussion and making of these types of decisions. SGA does hold some political power, however many other universities have added student members to boards of regents so that the democratic student vote translates into an actual vote on issues decided by the regents.
 - Shrey: Did you have any conversations with state legislators about this bill?
 - Author: Yes, actually I spoke with a state senator and have communicated with or heard from other legislators that they would support this change.
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS22-20 OU Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition for Antisemitism Bill
 - Motion to move GS22-20 to floor by Senator Long (13), seconded by Senator Crider (43)
 - Authors Nathanael Reese, Engineering Representative and Caitlyn Harman, Human Diversity Committee Chair: The purpose of this legislation is to resolve that SGA supports the Norman Jewish community, through properly defining Antisemitism; and providing for distribution.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Long (13): How does this not fall under the ethics code?
 - Author: I am not sure I have read the ethics code, however if anything is covered, I am aware the university has not followed those policies because recently an incident in Couch tower was reported to all the proper authorities and nothing has been done.
 - Senator Long (13): but if racism is racism, this bill will make individuals proud to be individualized.
 - Author: This bill is meant to express support for a group on our campus that has been specifically targeted.
 - Senator Long (13): Can you tell me where the memorial for the holocaust is in Oklahoma?
 - Author: I am not sure I understand the question.
 - Senator Long (13): this is divulging on a small community, there's what 500 of you out of 10,000?
 - Chair: David you need to stop interrupting
 - Senator Norris (112): Will this bill help take action against individuals that commit hate crimes.
 - Author: this can be used to inform repercussions for individuals, however it will primarily be used to inform and educate people about what antisemitism is.
 - Senator Woodford (59): the overall goal of this bill is for information only, and it is just for the Jewish community, so why are we not making this more general for all groups that can be victims of hate crimes?
 - Author: I am taking this one step at a time, there are plans for all groups. I am drafting legislation for Muslim and LGBTQ+ students at the moment.
 - Senator Long (13): Crispin, between you and Nate, how many other collegiate individuals have you asked?
 - Crispin: I don't understand your question.
 - Senator Long (13): About the issue you present.
 - Reese: Is your question about how many Jewish people have approached me?
 - Senator Long (13): Not just Jewish.
 - Reese: I am close with the Islamic student association as well who have expressed concerns. I would say overall maybe 20 people, give or take?
 - Crispin: I have also heard from several students in the American Indian student association.
 - Chair: Q&A has ended.
 - Senator Nabhan (123): is there a possibility for the authors to review the ethics code in order to remove any redundant parts from the bill?
 - Senator Woodford (59): Is there anything regarding this in the student handbook
 - Senator Crider (43): I motion to vote by roll call vote
 - Yay (47 total)
 - 74
 - 97
 - 60
 - 63
 - 115

- 82
- 40
- 9
- 34
- 78
- 22
- 69
- 109
- 5
- 43
- 93
- 44
- 91
- 6
- 85
- 81
- 14
- 94
- 27
- 112
- 89
- 10
- 18
- 12
- 29
- 54
- 21
- 71
- 16
- 119
- 59
- 67
- 122
- 77
- 15
- 7
- 83
- 100
- 6
- 86
- 76
- 68
- Nay (2 total)
 - 8
 - 13
- Abstain (1 total)

- 123
 - Motion passes
- GS22-21 Donations for Citations Act of 2022
 - Motion to move GS22-21 to floor by Senator Crider (43), seconded by Senator Norris (112)
 - Authors Michael Williams, Engineering Representative and Crispin T. South, Chair of Congress: The purpose of this act shall be to direct the Parking Appeals Board to waive certain parking citations upon presentation of timely and proper donations to the OU Food Pantry.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): based upon the reading of this, I wonder do we have the authority to direct parking enforcement to accept this? Or is this a recommendation?
 - Author: we actually do have the authority to do this as the parking appeals board is a student government run organization
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GS22-22 Shared Governance Council Establishment Act
 - Motion to move GS22-22 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Norris (112)
 - Author Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a council composed of Students, Faculty, and Staff to meet regularly, discuss campus issues, and make recommendations on University Governance and Policies.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GS22-23 Primary Funding Act of 2022 for Registered Student Organizations & GS22-24 Primary Funding Act of 2022 for Governmental Organizations
 - Motion to move GS22-23 and GS22-24 to the floor as a block by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119)
 - Author Lauren Patton, 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 Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Mattingly (40), seconded by Senator Norris (112).

Adjournment:

Time: 8:29 PM