

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

**October 5th, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93638222663?pwd=dFpKQUZOK2Q1U1oxV0lMUy9FUkRZUT09>

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

**Reading and the Approval of the Minutes:** (minutes from previous meeting:

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2023/GSS-Minutes9-21-2023.pdf>)

- Senator Beaty (21), seconded by Senator Dyke (13)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - Nothing new to report
- Vice-Chair:
  - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
  - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.
  - <https://ou.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/606125>

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs:
  - Senator Aboukelia (15):
    - Discussed Outstanding Graduate Student/Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant current application and rubric. Discussed current recommendation letter submission requirements. Discussed timeline for potential changes to application and rubric. Discussed issues with rubric including why we are considering academic courses in the research assistant award. Discussed modifications to award flyers including removing content and making flyer more minimalistic. Discussed starting from scratch on award rubric to ensure fairness in selection
- Development & Philanthropy:
  - Senator Horton (10):
    - Discussed hanging fundraising flyers at local breweries and businesses as well as OUHSC campus and OKC locations and gaining permission to do so. Focus on fundraising, who, where to ask. Will be passing out boxes for food drive on October 18. Discussed making thank you notes and cards to pass out to the service staff, maintenance staff, building personnel, and the people behind the scenes who keep our campus beautiful. We will be coordinating with Public Relations to accomplish this.
- External Affairs:
  - Senator Beaty (21):
    - Reviewed the survey results from last year and compared outcomes to other SEC institutions. Working on building a report to compare where we are to other Universities with respect to GTA pay. Also discussed creating a OneDrive folder to share gathered documents and data within the committee.
    - Discussed how changing name from External Affairs to Internal Affairs will require a bylaws change.

- Internal Affairs:
  - Senator Dyke (13):
    - Discussed the agenda for the general assembly meeting. Discussed the internal affairs new role as external-facing.
- International Student Affairs:
  - Senator Casil (106):
    - Looking into proposals to International Student Services and the college of International Studies with respect to the termination of contracts for international students.
    - Discussed the LinkedIn group for international grad students, including which officers would have admin access (Himadri and another of our committee member). We also discussed inviting other grad students to join the group, especially with each senator inviting colleagues personally.
- Public Relations:
  - Senator Kirkpatrick (89):
    - Went over flyers for the Senate grants and the food drive.
- Sustainability:
  - Senator Taylor (99):
    - Priorities:
    - Officially split the committee into subgroups, where different senators will work on different bills. We currently have plans for 3 bills which include:
      - Finishing the e-waste bill,
      - Starting a new composting on campus bill
      - Starting a campus water bottle elimination bill.
    - To be efficient in research for bills, we split into groups to find collaborators outside of Graduate Student Senate. Some people will try to get student involvement to help in our research and others will work on creating collaborations with faculty to gather peer reviewed data for use in the creation of our bills.
    - Also want to push the biodegradable confetti bill effort forward and working on making it more enforceable on campus (for clarification, the confetti bill was to restrict the use of SGA funds and prevent the use of SGA funds for confetti that is not biodegradable).
- Ways and Means:
  - Senator Chiareli (119):
    - We have over 30 applications already. Please promote the grants verbally and encourage graduate students in your departments to apply. We will have a flyer out soon.
    - Please familiarize yourself with the updated Q&A document on the website.
    - Had a productive conversation with graduate college on the grading process and they offered their template for grading the grants offered through the graduate college.
    - Graduate date will be November 5<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 6 pm. We will be ordering Pickleman's. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering.
    - Will be reaching out to the innovation hub to request the use of the same space used for grading last time.

### **Student Concerns:**

### **Special Orders:**

- GF23-15 2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act
  - Motion to move to New Business by Senator Clements (57), Seconded by Senator Kaiser (97)

**Old Business:**

- GF23-06 Code Annotated Revision Act (Do Pass)

**New Business:**

- GF23-07 Judicial Clarification Act
- GF23-11 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024
- GF23-12 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resolution
- GF23-13 Fall 2023 Departmental Status Act
- GF23-14 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024

GF23-06 Code Annotated Revision Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move to the floor by Senator Triemstra (9), Seconded by Senator Chiareli (119).
- Carter Strickland, Representative: Code annotated act – revises the code and clarifies parts within the constitution and aligns the Code annotated with the constitution
- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Fogg (81): Motion to pass via unanimous consent
- No objections.

GF23-07 Judicial Clarification Act

- Motion to move GF23-07 to floor by Senator Beaty (21), seconded by Senator Clements (57):
- Author, Carter Strickland, University College District Representative: Deletes a duplication in the code annotated as a byproduct of clerical error.
- Yields time for questions.
- Questions: Senator Delal (33):
  - Why exactly was there a duplication?
    - Author: There was an exact duplicate of the text which was redundant, and it is being eliminated for that reason.
- Senator Clements (57): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF23-11 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024 & GF23-14 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024

- Motion to move GF23-11 and GF23-14 to floor as a block by Senator Hertensteiner (27), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119):
- Author Izza Mohamed Shiraj, interim Chair, Budgetary Committee:
  - Standard auxiliary bills. There are duplicates because the organizations submitted multiple requests.
- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Beaty (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF23-12 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resolution

- Motion to move GS23-12 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Jordan (91).
- Author, Ben Keupen, Social Sciences District Representative: Resolution to bring awareness for breast cancer. SGA wanted to recognize that October is breast cancer awareness month and stand in solidarity with those who have or had breast cancer. Further, the authors provide general information about breast cancer with suggestions for how the student body can recognize breast cancer awareness month.
- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Kaiser (97): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections
- Motion passes

GF23-13 Fall 2023 Departmental Status Act

- Motion to move GF23-13 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9).
- Author(s), Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate Chair: Passing legislation mainly to guide the Ways and Means committee for the purpose of allocating grants. The list of departments in bad standing at this time, the only departments in bad standing do not have senate representation and historically have not had representation.
- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Chiareli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections
- Motion passes

GF23-15 2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act

- Motion to move GF23-15 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Clements (57).

Author(s), Author: Seth Phung: Interviewed 4 individuals.

Alexia Charlton  
Hanna Cole  
Hannah Smith  
Will Ehrhart

- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Dyke (13): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections
- Motion passes

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Tabak (85).

**Adjournment:**

Time: 7:24 PM