

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

**November 2nd, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

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

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

**Mission Statement:** Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

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

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/agendas/2023/10-19-23AgendaGSS.pdf>)

- Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Aboukelia (15)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - Nothing new to report.
- Vice-Chair:
  - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
  - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs:
  - Senator Aboukelia (15):
    - Nothing new to report.
- Development & Philanthropy:
  - Senator Morrison (122):
    - Please consider donating to the OU Food Pantry. For any donations, please see the OU Food Pantry Wishlist:  
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QPE6PQJ6BRDW>
    - The bins are also out if you would prefer to drop off items.
    - Still have not received poster for the food drive so Jessica will be making one as backup to use if we do not have the poster situation sorted out by Monday. Will be meeting with the owner of Equity Brewing Co in the next two weeks to discuss holding a fundraising night at Equity next semester. Gabriella has a friend who owns Tower Nutrition who has offered to hold a fundraiser for us. Will be sorting out these details in the coming weeks to months. Planning ahead for the Equity fundraiser and Big Event so we have all the details planned before initiating the events. We would like to have at least one more fundraiser in addition to the ones mentioned above before the end of the spring semester.
- External Affairs:
  - Senator Beaty (21):
    - Nothing new to report.

- Provided thoughts and feedback on textbook-tuition mashup bill, discussed changes to graduation, and potential changes to employee pay/future class scheduling changes.
- Internal Affairs:
  - Senator Delafield (111):
    - Had a discussion regarding resolutions for the way travel funding is awarded.
    - (1) Discussed Jake Dyke's draft legislation re: travel stipends (2) Discussed draft legislation re: Textbooks and Tuition (3) Discussed Q & A from our constituents
- International Student Affairs:
  - Senator Gupta (67):
    - The International Student Affairs Committee spent our meeting time reiterating information from past meetings.
- Public Relations:
  - Senator Kirkpatrick (89):
    - Working on PR materials for the food drive.
    - Thank you's to Nadine and Vishala for their work on our recent requests The food drive flyers were accepted, Recycle post up on social media, and Happy Halloween was also posted. Discussed Scavenger Hunt for Food Drive for students to submit pictures for social media Discussed CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-09
- Sustainability:
  - Senator Taylor (99):
    - Discussed doing a poll/survey about liter on campus with the Congress sustainability committee. The goal is to have the survey out next semester to help address issues on campus.
    - The chair of the Congress sustainability committee is planning to do a speaker series on environmentalism and Senator Taylor gave recommendations. The idea is to bring in a speaker each month.
    - The potential water bottle elimination bill research is going well, in addition to the composting research.
    - We spoke about our water bottle elimination bill and organized ourselves to find where all water bottle refill stations are and to inspect the water filters. We will begin looking to see if there is someone to contact about water filters in poor condition. We also found many potential future collaborations that would be useful in eliminating the school's plastic and Styrofoam waste. This will give us an idea of how to cater our research to secure these collaborations/funding. On the composting bill, we also found programs that help eliminate waste in commercial kitchens. This will reduce waste that will go into composting and will save the university money. We looked as a group at other schools that are implementing both of these projects and began looking at how they started this work. We plan to message these schools to have a conversation on how to progress these correctly.
- Ways and Means:
  - Senator Chiareli (119):
    - We got a total of 153 applications. During early review, a few have been disqualified but not as many as in the past.
    - There are currently 153 submissions (111 conference, 42 research) for the GSS grant. The GSS grant applications will be graded Nov. 5th from 12-6pm in Kaufman Hall, second floor room 221B. Food from Pickelman's will be provided during the grading session. Following the grading session, the GSS Chair and Vice-Chair will draft response emails to applicants and compile a list of award recipients to present at the following GSS meeting.

## **Student Concerns:**

### **Special Orders:**

- GF23-24 October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act
  - Motion to move from special orders to new business by Senator Beaty (21), seconded by Senator Bennett (68)

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

- GF23-22 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2023-2024
- GF23-23 Auxiliary Allocation 8 Act of 2023-2024

#### GF23-22 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2023-2024 & GF23-23 Auxiliary Allocation 8 Act of 2023-2024

- Motion to move FS23-22 and GF23-23 to floor as a block by Senator Jordan (91), seconded by Senator Kaiser (97):
- Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: Standard auxiliary bills.
- Yields time for questions.
- Questions:
  - Senator Cabot (108): It seems that OU Rugby was awarded a disproportionately high amount of money. Why was that the case?
    - Author: The funding was covering hotel costs for travel to compete.
    - Claire Burch, Chair: Just a reminder that auxiliary funding often
- Senator Fogg (81): Motion to approve via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

#### GF23-24 October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act

- Motion to move GF23-24 to the floor by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9):
- Claire Burch on behalf of President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association: Superior court appointments: Claire Grace and Samantha Hepburn.
- Yields time for questions.
- Senator Young (61): Motion to approve via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

## **Announcements:**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Hertensteiner (27).

### **Adjournment:**

Time: 7:19 PM