

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

November 30th, 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/minutes/2023/GSS-GA-Minutes-11-16-2023.pdf>)

- Senator Gupta (67), seconded by Senator Clements (57)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - I apologize that I can't be here for our last meeting of the semester. Thank you to every committee for your hard work this semester, I'm looking forward to seeing what we accomplish next semester. Our first meeting of the spring semester will be February 1st, to give a bit of a buffer from the semester kicking off. I will reach out to committee chairs in the first week of the new semester to schedule our executive committee meetings. I also again wanted to nudge folks to begin to think about if they would be interested in an executive officer position for the Senate. Any of us are happy to chat about our roles and responsibilities if you have questions!
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Nothing new to report.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Aboukelia (15):
 - Brainstormed ideas for supporting graduate students in our departments including graduate student mentoring programs that do not exist in some departments, technical workshops on software/lab methods No updates on flyer for Outstanding Graduate Student but it has been sent to PR committee for design
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Morrison (122):
 - Working on fund raising with Equity Brewing company for GSS grants.
 - Equity will brew a special GSS beer.
 - The first meeting will be in January. They will be GSS happy hours once a month that will lead up to the big fund-raising night later in the spring semester.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Beaty (21):

- Discussed upcoming changes to pay schedule and how best to disseminate the information between departments.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Delafield (111):
 - Meeting with Claire and other Universities to see how they run their external affairs committees. Discussed upcoming agenda for general assembly meeting. Discussed legislation Senator Dyke is working on with Senator Davis. Discussed anticipated vacancy for the GSS chair position -- looked at GSS rules to determine if rules need an update
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Gupta (67):
 - We have received the adminship for the LinkedIn group from the previous committee. We want to begin managing the group to get other international students to join it. We also talked about our goals for next semester.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Kirkpatrick (89):
 - Discussed: the upcoming posts for Dead Week on social media, Outstanding grad student awards, Members plans for next semester
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Taylor (99):
 - 27 - Meegan Hertensteiner had a meeting with a sustainability group at the University of Central Oklahoma, where she spoke to them about their current composting program. In this, she received copious amounts of information and statistics on how their program began and is currently going. This allows us to begin our write-up for a bill on this composting program that we hope to present to the general assembly in the spring semester of 2023. We also spoke about how we will structure our meetings in the coming semester, such as what time we will meet and how we will structure our time during our meetings. We made a poll to be able to get this information and will decide once everyone on the committee completes it.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119):
 - Able to get all award emails out and shared business services (SBSC) is working on reaching out to students, getting forms out, and distributing funds. Keep an eye out if you have not received anything from SBSC before early next week.
 - Tentative spring deadline will be February 23rd 2024. The link is not live yet but they will open the first week of the semester.
 - First or second weekend of March will be the tentative grading time.
 - Try to get the word out about the GSS fund raising events and work on increasing participation.

Student Concerns:

- Senator Gupta (67): received an email from a student about housing and biweekly payments. If payment is biweekly, the housing costs should be biweekly, as well.

Special Orders:

- GF23-31 Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2023-2024
 - Motion to move GF23-31 to new business by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Clements (57).

Old Business:

New Business:

GF23-31 Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2023-2024

Motion to move GF23-31 to the floor by Senator Beaty (21), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119):

- Author, Izza Shiraj, Chair of the Budgetary Committee: Standard auxiliary bill and the last of the semester. Some were not included that applied recently but they will be moved to the spring because they submitted past the deadline.
- Yields time for questions.
- No questions.
- Senator Young (61): Motion to approve via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

Free breakfast on December 11th 9-11 in Zarrow hall for all graduate students, made to order waffles and pancakes

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Horton (6), seconded by Senator Young (61).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:20 pm