

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

**March 23rd, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/94712902920?pwd=VHBoM2tMUGJON1k5VE1EWTVRTkNUZz09>

Passcode: 44657953

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

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2022/GSS-11-3GAM-Minutes.pdf>)

- Senator Hamilton (82), seconded by Senator Norris (112)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: Nothing to report.
- Vice-Chair: Nothing to report.
- Secretary: Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: hang flyers in your dept
- Development & Philanthropy: Food Drive collection, next Friday. 03/31. 4 pm. Big event already discussed as canceled. David will send out a pickup reminder email Thursday to members of the committee who agreed to volunteer in the food drive pick-up. Should only take an hour.
- External Affairs: survey closes in two weeks
- Internal Affairs: Tonight we will have elections. Chair will add it to the agenda for this evening's meeting. - Dr. Jamie Hough is coming to talk to group about a survey. - Two bills on the agenda; recognition of minimum wage and the GSS Conference and Grant Awards. Initial Awards grant had to be reworked. Will recommend a friendly amendment to correct amount. - Food Drive is still going and the multiple surveys. - Discussion with Antonia (Internal Affairs Vice Chair) on the procedures for this evening. The election is ran by the internal affairs committee. - Received a request for appropriate documents for moving a joint bill through the Congress. - New bill is coming forward to correct the code annotated. Makes clarification that holders of higher officer cannot hold other high offices. Jordan is a co-sponsor of the bill and asked for review.
- International Student Affairs: survey still live
- Public Relations: nothing new to report
- Sustainability: working on electronic waste recycling program, so please let us know if you know of any programs like these that already exist here or elsewhere
- Ways and Means: GSS Spring 2023 Allocation Bill will be shown tonight. Next year' s strategies are discussed for chair, vice chair etc.

**Student Concerns:**

### Special Orders:

- Dr. Jaime Hough, Director of Graduate Student Life and Postdoctoral Retention and Support, gradSERU presentation
  - Please complete the survey!

### Old Business:

### New Business:

- GS23-20 Thank You OU Food Services for Raising the Standard for (OU)r Student Workers (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Motion to move GS23-20 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator White (89)
  - Author Annie Mullins, Chair of University Policy, Social Science Representative: Purpose of the legislation is to thank OU Food Services for raising their minimum wage for student workers to \$10 an hour.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GS23-21 Spring 2023 Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards Act (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Motion to move GS23-21 to floor by Senator Hamilton (82), seconded by Senator Gupta (67)
  - Author 2022-2023 GSS Ways and Means Committee: Purpose of the legislation is to approve conference/research & creative exhibition grant awards for the 2023 Spring semester.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Norris (44): do you consider the departments students are in?
    - Author: no we focus on individual applications
  - Senator Beaty (21): How was it decided who received no funding?
    - Author: based on the system we use to maximize the number of students being awarded funding, anyone whose application scored 88 or higher was funded
  - Senator Norris (112): would you accept an amendment to replace the comma in the total with a decimal?
    - Author: Yes (scrivener's error)
  - Senator Gupta (67): how are some applications awarded the full amount and some only part of the amount?
    - Author: scores of 95 and above received the full amount, and then the amount received scales down as scores move into lower ranges.
  - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- Elections
  - Motion to begin elections for officers by Senator Chiareli (119) seconded by Senator Walton (85)
  - Do the nominees of Claire (for Chair), Rin (for Vice Chair), and Jordan (for Secretary) accept their nomination?
    - All affirm that they accept their respective nomination
  - Candidates give brief spiels about why they feel they are good candidates for the position.
  - Motion to begin a period of Q&A for the candidates by Senator Walton (85) seconded by Senator Gupta (67)

- Senator Walton (85): what are the candidates favorite thing about senate and the thing they are most excited for next year?
  - Claire: favorite: getting to know people from all over the campus; most excited to pursue several networks I have developed in my role as chair and use those to advance GSS
  - Rin: Favorite is WAM grading; most excited for a new luncheon with graduate student leaders
  - Jordan: my favorite thing so far is also getting to meet so many great graduate students; most excited to the luncheons and branching out GSS into higher areas where we can advance graduate students
- Candidates exit the room
- Motion to open floor for discussion by Senator Walton (85)
- Motion to move into voting by Senator Beaty (21) seconded by Senator Gupta (67)
  1. Votes in support of candidates: Senator Walton (85), Senator Weaver (22), Senator White (89), Senator Bruce (91), Senator Gray (98), Senator Kirkpatrick (86), Senator Hamilton (82), Senator Cox (77), Senator Donner (30), Senator Walsh (6), Senator Khadem (34), Senator Morrison (122), Senator Wilson (23), Senator Allira (9), Senator Diodosio (110), Senator Solera Guevara (27), Senator Chiareli (119), Senator Moguel Santos (96), Senator? (79), Senator Rieman (106), Senator Slane (63), Senator Cabot (108), Senator Harmon (83), Senator Monaghan (94), Senator Smith (10), Senator Karami (7), Senator Beaty (21), Senator Singleton (5), Senator Clements (57), Senator Hlanze (3), Senator Halder (90), Senator Tessmer (120), Senator Aboukeila (16), Senator Conner (84), Senator Sukumaran (64), Senator Mentzer (11), Senator Mondal (4), Senator Hillis (72), Senator Gupta (67), Senator Talukder (53), Senator Emre (68), Senator Thomas (115), Senator Eschbach (78), Senator Mitchell (37), Senator Whitestar (43), Senator Lander (18), Senator Van (17), Senator Babayemi (73), and Senator Tripathi (25).
  2. 49-0-0, candidates elected

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82).

**Adjournment:**

Time: 7:55 PM