

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

**January 26th, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/97996963479?pwd=MDRPTWIDY2NuRksrTFIkYVBFZjJxQT09>

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**Call to Order: 7:03 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 Walton (85), seconded by Senator Norris (112)

**Officer Reports:**

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

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: We chose a new committee Chair, vice-chair, and Secretary New Chair: Hesham Aboukeila (16) New Vice-Chair: Jenny Baranker (105) New Secretary: Sajal Halder (90)
- Development & Philanthropy: -Introductions (Got some new members this semester) -Event Discussion: Community org. that volunteers around Norman and OKC, cleaning parks, maintenance, etc. Deciding if we want to be a part of this event. -Food drive for OU Food Pantry? - Hoping to do two events this semester. -Possible collaboration with a trivia night? -Discussion of potential fundraiser (brief, just throwing out ideas).
- External Affairs: Discussed questions created in the qualtrics survey for distribution and created a plan for distributing to departments.
- Internal Affairs: - We have an external affairs update to the by-laws for the group to provide feedback/updates. This is to subgroup human diversity into the external affairs committee. Undergraduate Congress already has this and this will create a similar committee. Minor Changes were made with the group. Once completed, Jordan will forward to GSS Chair. - Extensive conversation on the bill for coasters. Likely there will be issues brought up to the main Senate for consideration. - Next appreciation for former-Coach Stoops. - Discussed Islamophobia bill. Latest update, bill will be tabled until 2/9 per the author's request. - Final is another auxiliary bill. A reminder was stated to have the clubs request funds if needed.
- International Student Affairs: Nothing to report
- Public Relations: Doodle poll for In-person social will be sent out for committee members Graphics sign up - members will sign up for any graphics they are interested in submitting for social media Graphic for grants after more information becomes available
- Sustainability: Nothing to report
- Ways and Means: Planning for the rest of the semester. When/how to grade GSS Travel/Research Grant applications.

## Student Concerns:

## Special Orders:

## Old Business:

## New Business:

- GS23-01 Drink Safe Technology Act of 2022 (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Motion to move GS23-01 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Lasky-Headrick (107)
  - Author Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman of the USC: The purpose of this act shall be to provide funds for the creation of 500 drug testing coasters, for students, from Drink Safe Technology. These coasters will be made available for students in the Student Government Association Office in the Archie Dunham Conoco Student Leadership Center. Members of the Student Government Association will also have the option to pass these materials out to students during tabling events.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GS23-02 Bob Stoops Appreciation Act (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Motion to move GS23-02 to floor by Senator Hamilton (82), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119)
  - Author Shrey Kathuria, University College Representative: Purpose of the legislation is to honor and appreciate Coach Stoops for his excellence in coaching the football team for 18 seasons and dedication towards the University of Oklahoma.
  - Yields time for question
  - Senator Kirkpatrick (86): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GS23-03 OU SGA definition of Islamophobia (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Bill was tabled until 2/9 per the author's request.
- GS23-04 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2022-2023 (Rec of Do Pass)
  - Motion to move GS23-04 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)
  - Author Demetri Papahronis, Chair, SGA Budget Committee; Brandon Chenevey, Vice 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 Hamilton (82): Why are there two lines/items for Crimson Robotics, with one for only \$5.99?
    - Author: All requests become a separate line on the bill, so those represent two different requests, and I am not sure what the small amount was for right now, but I can guarantee it is legitimate.
  - Senator Chiareli (119): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - No objections
  - Motion passes

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Mentzer (11), seconded by Senator Karami (7).

**Adjournment:**

Time: 7:19 PM