

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

March 14, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/99964949655?pwd=MVZMSTJwRnNrNmNDTVpMQTVMc0pzUT09>

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

- Senator Clements (57) second Senator Beaty (21)

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/2024/2-29-2024-GSS-Minutes.pdf>)

- Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Rastkar Mirzaei (39)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - We will be opening up nominations for elections really soon. Even though it feels like we have a lot of the semester left, our elections come up quick. We will be taking nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports if you have not already done so.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Aboukelia (15): Nominations for outstanding Grad student are open!
 - Talked about distributing flyers for GSS Outstanding Student Awards Discussed creating a rubric for grading based on WAM grants 2 people grading each packet Grade is out of 100 Different weights for each category (CV, Letters of Rec, Cover Letter, etc.) (how much do we weight a CV?) Cover Letter (25%) should be weighted the most followed by Letters of Rec (20% each) then CV (15%), Nomination Form and Transcript (10% each)
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Morrison (122): GSS Happy Hour at Equity March 29th from 5pm-7pm. If anyone is interested in helping out with our April bake sale, please email me or Delaney Horton. You can bake and/or donate baked goods.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Beaty (21): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Delafield (111): Nothing new to report.
 - The committee met with Provost Mark Morvant to discuss upcoming scheduling changes for undergraduate and graduate classes.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Gupta (67): Nothing new to report.

- Public Relations:
 - Senator Kirkpatrick (89): Nothing new to report.
 - Went over the current legislation, and discussed the changes to the Outstanding Grad Student Award Flier and social media that would be posted and when.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Taylor (99): Nothing new to report.
 - We are still collecting data on water refill stations; with this, we need to get in contact with facilities to fix many of the water stations that are not updating the number of refills. Once this is fixed, we will finish our first round of data collection and begin calculating the rates that these stations are used on campus. For the composting bill, we are still waiting for more communications with other universities to gather the statistics we need to form a bill
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Graded this past weekend, we had 154 applications total. We are still working on getting the list of recipients together. Hopefully we will have that bill ready to see by next general assembly meeting. Please do not share information about recipients, grading, disqualification etc. I want to reiterate my thanks to everyone for grading!

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS24-11 Telus About Mental Health (Rec of DO PASS)
- GS24-12 Women's History Month Resolution of 2024 (Rec of DO PASS)
- GS24-13 Campus Safety Resolution of 2024 (Rec of DO PASS)
- GS24-14 Spring 2024 Departmental Status Act (Rec of DO PASS)
- GS24-15 Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2023-2024 (Rec of DO PASS)

GS24-11 Telus About Mental Health

- Motion to move GS24-11 to floor by Senator Clements (57), seconded by Senator Kaiser (97)
- Author, Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary:
- Yields time for questions.
- No questions.
- Senator Clements (57): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-12 Women's History Month Resolution of 2024

- Motion to move GS24-12 to floor by Senator Horton (6), seconded by Senator Jordan (91).
- Author, Associate Himani Prajapati: This bill seeks to further the acknowledgement of Women's History Month for the month of march for women on campus, specifically women in male-dominated majors.
- Yields time for questions.
- No question(s).
- Senator Clements (57): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-13 Campus Safety Resolution of 2024

- Motion to move GS24-13 to floor by Senator Beaty (21), seconded by Senator Hertensteiner (27).
- Author, Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair of Undergraduate Congress: We passed a similar bill last year. It tells the state government that the students of OU do not want any changes to our campus firearm policies as a result of Oklahoma state legislative action.
- Yields time for questions.
- Question(s):
 - Senator Cabot (108): I do not disagree with this legislation at all, but was there a survey or statistical study done?
 - Author: No, not by this session of SGA
- Senator Cabot (108): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-14 Spring 2024 Departmental Status Act

- Motion to move GS24-14 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Clements (57)
- Author, Vice Chair, Vice Chair of Graduate Student Senate: Standard departmental standing bill. We often present an updated departmental standing bill before the GSS Grant funding allocation to apprise senators of their department's standings.
- Yields time for questions.
- No question(s).
- Senator Jordan (91): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-15 Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2023-2024

- Motion to move GS24-15 to floor by Senator Clements (57), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119)
- Author, Izza Gulam, Chair of Budgetary Committee:
- Yields time for questions.
- No questions.
- Senator Chiareli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Horton (6), seconded by Senator Rastkar Mirzaei (39).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:27 PM