

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

September 12th, 2024 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/2024/GSS-Minutes-08-29-2024.pdf>

- Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - I still need nominations from International Student Affairs and External and Legislative Affairs to serve on the Graduate Council. Please get those names to me tonight or tomorrow morning at the latest.
 - I also need couple of other potential nominees. I was informed of two committees/working groups that need graduate student representation.
 - First, the President is creating a Strategic Plan Refresh Integration Working Group, and they are hoping for you to provide a few names of students in SGA who could serve on the committee as Norman campus student representatives. The working group will meet starting in late September and most of October for about an hour each week to discuss the Strategic Plan refresh topics, make recommendations, and provide feedback to the executive steering committee to implement the updated plan. I would like at least one of these representatives to be a graduate student, as graduate students are core to helping achieve the strategic goals of the university. Having a graduate student voice in the planning of the future strategic mission is really important.
 - Second, I need a representative on the Information Technology Council. The IT Council is responsible for technology and resources on the Norman campus and they are involved in the policy surrounding technology. Further, the council advises and makes recommendations to the President, the Senior Vice President and Provost, the Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, the Vice President for Research, and the Vice President for Administrative Affairs. They have lacked a graduate student and undergraduate student for several years now and having that representation is important moving forward to ensure policy changes and resource distribution are also helpful and accepted by the general student body.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Sukumaran (64): Nothing new to report.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Edwards (11): Nothing new to report.
- External & Legislative Affairs:
 - Senator Ryan (98): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Brickwell (37):
 - leadership change
 - discussed recommendations of possible businesses to recommend to the development and philanthropy committee
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Shodunke (58): Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Merchant (81): Nothing new to report.
 - GSSPR@ou.edu new affiliate email
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Smith (10): Nothing new to report.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119):
 - applications are almost ready and should be posted 9/16, deadline will be October 11th
 - connect with public relations regarding flyers

Student Concerns:

- Senator Merchant (81): South entrance of the law school does not have a ramp which presents accessibility issues

Special Orders:

- **Graduate College Dean(s)**
 - Ioana Cionea in attendance
 - Graduate student life position has been vacant, the graduate college will be sending out a survey shortly and is requesting student input
 - Roberson hall (graduate college) will be undergoing elevator maintenance
 - Welcome events incoming- watch out for emails
 - Integration of old forms into dynamic forms
- **Career Center Representative Ava Hiser**
 - upcoming events will be posted on Handshake and the Instagram
 - ou.joinhandshake.com is the direct link to the career center job board. Additionally this is how to set up an appointment with your career advisor
 - Interstride: international students as well as for domestic students interested in careers abroad
 - some resources: drop in resume reviews (Mon.-Thurs. 1:30-4:00), headshots (Mon (9:30-12) Thurs (1:30-5)
 - Office is open 8-5 M-F
 - Microinternships offer flexible small commitment internships
 - Zoom appointments available

Old Business:

New Business:

- **GF24-02 Act Appointing the 2024-2025 Election Commissioner (Do Pass)**
 - Motion to move GF24-02 to floor by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Mendoza (118)
 - Author, Caden Glasscock, SGA President: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2024-2025 Election Commissioner.
 - Author yields time for questions.
 - Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
 - No objections.
 - Motion passes.

- **GF24-03 September 2024 Superior Court Act (Do Pass)**
 - Motion to move GF24-03 to floor by Senator Taitano (73), seconded by Senator Kimbrell (8)
 - Author, Caden Glasscock, SGA President: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint a Superior Court Justice.
 - Author yields time for questions.
 - Senator Frentz (53): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
 - No objections.
 - Motion passes.

- **GF24-04 Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2024-2025 (Rec of No Rec)**
 - Motion to move GF24-04 to floor by Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9)
 - Author, Jacob Schonfield, 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.
 - Author yields time for questions.
 - Senator Smith (10): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
 - No objections.
 - Motion passes.

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Mendoza (118).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:38 PM