

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

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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/agendas/2024/11-7-24-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

- Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: Please review our attendance policies in order to avoid putting yourself and your department on probation due to poor attendance.
- 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): We will be presenting our new survey to exec soon.
- International Student Affairs:
  - Senator Shodunke (58): Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations:
  - Senator Merchant (81): Nothing new to report.
- Sustainability:
  - Senator Smith (10): Nothing new to report.
- Ways and Means:
  - Senator Chiareli (119): Please do not tell any grant recipients about the award because we are emailing them.

**Student Concerns:**

**Special Orders:**

- Senator Smith (10) motion to move GF24-22 to new business
  - Seconded by Senator Mendoza (118)

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

GF24-15 The Mission Statement Establishment Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GF24-15 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Jordan (91)
- Author, Carter Strickland, SGA Director of the Interior: The purpose of this act shall be to formalize the purpose and mission for the OU Student Government Association by establishing a mission statement for the entirety of the Government to follow, embrace, and lead by.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF24-16 Updating the SGACA (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GF24-16 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Bain (111)
- Author, Chloe Harris, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the University of Oklahoma's Student Government Association's Code Annotated to update the responsibilities of those involved.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Mendoza (118): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF24-17 SGA General Application Revision Act of 2024 (Do Pass) & GF24-18 Chief of Staff Role Clarification Act of 2024 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GF24-17 and GF24-18 to floor by Senator Shodunke (58), seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61)
- Author, Ellie Wolhuis, SGA Chief of Staff: The purpose of this act shall be to revise the SGA General Application Codification Act of 2023 and to define the Chief of Staff's roles and obligations.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Smith (10): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF24-19 Establishing the Public Relations Committee Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GF24-19 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Bain (111)
  - Senator Bain (111) motion to table for now
- Motion to move GF24-19 to floor by Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Smith (10)
- Author, Vice Chair Rylee Houston, Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this act shall be to modify the SGA Code annotated to add the Public Relations Committee in the SGA Code annotated
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.

- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GF24-20 George McLaurin Day (Do Pass) & GF24-21 Session 112 Universal Top Hat Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GF24-20 and GF24-21 to floor by Senator Frentz (53), seconded by Senator Smith (10)
- Author, Shrey Kathuria, Arts and Sciences Representative: The purpose of these acts is to ask the University of Oklahoma to recognize October 14<sup>th</sup> as George McLaurin Day and to ask the University of Oklahoma to no longer allow students to be required to purchase iClickers.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Vice Chair Ferraro: Friendly amendment to add my name as a co-sponsor.
- Senator Kaushik (49): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

### **Announcements:**

The Provost office say they are going to vote to remove the language requirement for students which would negatively affect Native Language departments, leading to fewer seats being filled and threatening the existence of the faculty in these departments, these departments' strength overall, and the preservation of these language. The University commits to producing well rounded students and has made commitments to the indigenous and tribal communities on campus and should therefore not remove the language requirements for students.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Smith (10), seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61).

### **Adjournment:**

Time: 7:29 PM