

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

February 15th, 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93638222663?pwd=dFpKQUZOK2Q1U1oxV0lMUy9FUkRZUT09>

Call to Order: 7:05 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-02-01-2024.pdf>)

- Senator Chiareli (119), seconded by Senator Gupta (67)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Please fill out the space survey, if you have not already. We are having conversations with graduate student life about what spaces exist and what possible spaces could be provided based on graduate student feedback. It's very short, so please try to fill it out.
- The dean's office also passed along a survey about the dean's performance and they would really appreciate the graduate student senate's feedback.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Aboukelia (15): Working on outstanding graduate awards. Plan to announce the opening of applications on March 4th.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Morrison (122): Will be sending out PR materials for the graduate student happy hour on February 23rd. Please send it out tomorrow and another mid-week reminder next week. There are also ways to personally contribute to the pool with QRs available at the happy hour event.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Beaty (21): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Delafield (111): compiling resources for the new external affairs committee, so if you have resource or contact information for getting more involved in legislation at the state or federal level please share with a member of the internal affairs committee.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Gupta (67): working on ISA Linked in group. All senators should join the group and encourage your peers to also join.
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14240445/>

- Public Relations:
 - Senator Kirkpatrick (89): Nothing new to report.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Taylor (99): Working on compiling data to draft the composting resolution.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Please encourage your peers to apply for the grants, which are live now. We are planning to grade on March 8th or 9th. We will be getting food from Pickleman's again.
 - Will be developing the new grading rubric to be more inclusive for non-STEM graduate student applications.

Student Concerns:

- Senator Duijn (106): curious if anyone is working to change the reimbursement process for graduate students
 - Chair Burch: We have to do personal reimbursement for tax reasons.
- Senator Rennie (43): when filling out the grant application for conference travel, should they fill out the form by putting their department chair or the professor who wants them to attend the conference as their recommendation letter writer.
 - Senator Chiareli (119): You should have the person closest to the applicant write the letter.

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS24-02 Trash Responsibility Act: Promoting Clean and Responsible Behavior on Campus
- GS24-03 Auxiliary Allocation 11 Act of 2023-2024
- GS24-04 Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act of 2023-2024

GS24-02 Trash Responsibility Act: Promoting Clean and Responsible Behavior on Campus

- Motion to move GS24-02 to floor by Senator Clements (57), seconded by Senator Delafield (111).
- Author Representative: Gilson-Bond: There is a lot of littering on campus. The current resolution is a joint effort with Graduate Student Senate sustainability to prevent littering on campus, including a recommendation for making littering a punishable offence. We believe confetti use on campus should be permanently banned
- Yields time for questions.
- No questions.
- Senator Young (61): Motion to pass via unanimous consent
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-03 – GS24-04 Auxiliary Allocation Act 11 & 12 of 2023-2024

- Motion to move GS24-03 and GF24-04 to floor as a block by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Morrison (122).

- Author: Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Budget Committee Chair: Standard Auxiliary Bills. The last two auxiliary bills for the years due to hitting the budget limit earlier than expected. The minutes from the budgetary committee's last meeting will be included for senators to review to provide more insight into the decisions behind funding decisions.
 - Primary budget is open now and closes on March 7th.
- Senator Delafield (111): Motion to pass via unanimous consent
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

- We are approaching the end of the semester, so think about whether you are interested in one of the executive positions and ask any of the existing officers about their positions if you are interested.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Gill (27).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:25 PM