

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

April 25, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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

Call to Order: 7:01 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/2024/4-11-24-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

- Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Beaty (21)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Thank you all for your confidence and support. I am grateful for Claire and for all the work you all have done. I want to identify leadership of each committee as soon as possible. We had a very successful lunch last week. We will share what was discussed at the luncheon soon!
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Aboukelia (15): Applications for awards are graded and will be announced today.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Morrison (122): Waiting on numbers from all GSS happy hours and will share hopefully before this semester ends.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Beaty (21): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Delafield (111): Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Gupta (67): Senator Greer (22) will be stepping up into chair
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Kirkpatrick (89): Discussed all the new legislation on the agenda. We also discussed the upcoming year and how to handle not coming back for graduates and what needs to be done in their departments for new senators.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Taylor (99): Gathering research on water bottle refill stations for a bill next semester. Some people we are in communication with from facilities are not being responsive about

necessary information needed for our water bottle refilling station bills. Other potential sources have been contacted but have not responded on the correspondence sent. We also spoke on leadership for next semester. We chose Senator Smith (10) to be the chair of our committee.

- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Nothing new to report.

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- GS24-34 Graduate Student Senate Internal Affairs and External & Legislative Affairs Committee Responsibilities Act.
 - Senator Kaiser (97): Motion to move to new business
Seconded by Senator Jordan (91)

Old Business:

New Business:

GS24-22 Martin-Smith Appointment Act (Do Pass)

GS24-23 It's On Us Taskforce Reclassification Act. (Do Pass)

GS24-24 Crimson Leadership Association Financial Restructuring Act (Do Pass)

GS24-25 Executive Position Act (Do Pass)

GS24-26 Transgender and Nonbinary Student Support Resolution (Do Pass)

GS24-27 April 2024 Superior Court Act (Do Pass)

GS24-28 Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024 (Do Pass)

GS24-29 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Governmental Organizations (Do Pass)

GS24-30 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)

GS24-33 Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act (Do Pass)

GS24-31 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2024-2025 (Do Pass)

GS24-32 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2023-2024 Academic Year (Do Pass)

GS24-22 Martin-Smith Appointment Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-22 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Beaty (21)
- Author Cyrus Mortazavi (SGA Vice President): The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Co-Chairs for the Crimson Leadership Association who will serve the entirety of the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-24 Crimson Leadership Association Financial Restructuring Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-24 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Beaty (21)
- Author Cyrus Mortazavi (SGA Vice President): The purpose of this act shall be to allow the Crimson Leadership Association to apply for funding independently of the Executive Branch.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-33 Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-33 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Beaty (21)
- Author Cyrus Mortazavi (SGA Vice President): The purpose of this act shall be to allow SGA leaders to receive pay in the summer months, at the discretion of Student Affairs employees.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Beaty (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-23 It's On Us Taskforce Reclassification Act. (Do Pass); GS24-25 Executive Position Act (Do Pass); & GS24-27 April 2024 Superior Court Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-27 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Kirkpatrick (89)
- Author Ellie Wolthius (SGA Chief of Staff): Moving Its on Us task force to be its own RSO.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Fogg (81): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-25 Executive Position Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-25 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Kirkpatrick (89)
- Author Ellie Wolthius (SGA Chief of Staff): The purpose of this act shall be to restructure the Executive Office of the President.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Ryan (98): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-27 April 2024 Superior Court Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-27 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Kirkpatrick (89)
- Author Caden Glasscock (SGA President): The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Superior Court justices.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Jordan (91): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-26 Transgender and Nonbinary Student Support Resolution (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-26 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Kaiser (97)
- Author Xander Donald (Congress Associate): This is a concurrent resolution reaffirming support for transgender and nonbinary students as well as providing resources, and providing for distribution.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Fogg (81): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-28 Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-28 to floor by Senator Fogg (81), seconded by Senator Dodd (73)
- Author Claire Burch (GSS Chair): The purpose of this act shall be to create a Pilot Program for allocating space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Kaiser (97): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-31 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2024-2025 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-31 to floor by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Chiareli (119)
- Author Claire Burch (GSS Chair): To approve the nominations for the 2024-2025 Academic Appeals Panelists.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Kirkpatrick (86): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-32 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2023-2024 Academic Year (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-32 to floor by Senator Sukumaran (64), seconded by Senator Dodd (73)
- Author Internal Affairs Committee: The purpose of the act is inherent in the title.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Young (61): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-29 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Governmental Organizations (Do Pass) & GS24-30 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-29 to floor by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Dodd (73)
- Author Zuyyin Izza (SGA Budgetary Chair): 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 Kaiser (97): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS24-30 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS24-30 to floor by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Dodd (73)
- Author Zuyyin Izza (SGA Budgetary Chair): 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 Kaiser (97): Motion to pass both as a block via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Young (61), seconded by Senator Kirkpatrick (86).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:40 PM