**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**September 22, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

**Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235, Conference Room**

**Call to Order**- Jerry Overton 7:04 P.M.

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes:** Move to approve Sen. 22, second Sen. 54. No objections, minutes of 9/8/13 are approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chair**- Jerry Overton turned the floor over to Clay Wesley from the Graduate Student Affairs office to tell the general assembly about the new graduate student lounge that is now available for use.

**Vice Chair**- NR

**Secretary**- NR

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic Affairs**- NR

**Development and Philanthropy**- NR

**External Affairs**- NR

**Human Diversity**- the committee is working on a potential future project. Details will be provided at a future meeting Please bring any college or department events pertaining to multiculturalism to the chair to be announced to the body. The committee is also collecting ideas for this year’s events.

 **Internal Affairs**- NR

**Problems and Projects**- NR

**Public Relations**- NR

**Ways and Means**- Deadlines for Travel and Research Grants are as follows: Fall – Oct. 25th at noon. Spring 2014 – February 20th at noon. Applications will be available on line this coming week.

**Special Orders:**

Open to student concerns

Chair Jerry Overton- We need four Senators to participate in Graduate Council. This group oversees a number of issues pertaining to graduate students. Anyone interested in participating should see me after the meeting. Chair recognizes Senator 54.

54- I have the printout of meeting dates for the graduate council. They are Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, March 5, Apr. 2, May 7 and June 4. All meetings will take place at 3 p.m.

The following Senators have signed up to participate in Graduate Council:

Fareshteh Hamidi

Saif Imtiaz

Jacob Vidourek

Joshua Barr

Clay Wesley- Presentation on new graduate lounge (presented during Chair’s report)

**Old Business:**

Election of Secretary- Shawn Hadwiger

Chair Jerry Overton- In old business we have the matter of electing a secretary for the General Assembly before us. To let you know what has transpired, we did not elect a secretary in the spring, we opened the floor for nominations at the May 5th meeting, and again in our first meeting in August and due to a lack of nominees, we held the floor open for nominations at our September 8th meeting. One nomination was received after that time but the nominee was not able to serve, so we entered our September 18, 2013 meeting with no nominees. In dealing with this issue, the committee reviewed the GSS bylaws and determined it was possible to accept a nomination during the meeting. This could be done under the rules for a regular spring election or the rules for a mid-term election in which the candidate: 1) must be nominated during an open nomination period, and the nomination period have been open since the May 5, 2013 meeting, 2) the candidate must appear before the executive committee to be interviewed and then have the committee recommend the candidate to the general assembly. During the committee meeting, Shawn Hadwiger was nominated by a committee member. Shawn was present for the meeting and was interviewed by the committee and approved for an election vote by the general assembly. Are there any questions from the floor?

Sen. 34- Are the minutes of the executive committee now available online?

Sen. 34 – What kinds of questions were asked of the candidate by the executive committee?

Sen. 54 – We asked him if he would be willing to serve, if he had the time needed to fulfill the duties of the position.

Vice Chair Pavlowsky – We also explained to him the job requirements.

Chair – Are there any other questions, if there are none then we will bring candidate Hadwiger to the floor for questions from the Senate.

Senator 34 - Have you ever served in a secretarial or clerking role for any other organization?

Shawn Hadwiger- I have not, but I believe I can do the job if you elect me this evening.

Chair – other questions, there being none, we will ask the candidate to step out of the room while a vote is taken.

Chair – We can conduct a placard vote with members of the Senate voting yes or no on the candidate or we can vote to accept by acclimation since there is only one candidate. The chair will accept a motion for either.

Sen 54 – I move to accept by acclimation. Second Sen. 34. No objections, Shawn Hadwiger is elected by acclimation.

**New Business**

GF13-02 An act appointing the SGE Election Board Chair

Move Senator 5, second Senator 46, bill brought to floor

Move to approve Senator 22, second Senator 34, no objections, this bill passes

GF 13-04 An act relating to appropriations for the Rugby team

Move to bring to the floor Senator 34, second Senator 46, bill brought to floor.

Sen. 34 – Can you please refresh our memory of the budget in the Emergency Funding Account?

Sen. 22 – Is this just men’s or both rugby teams and is someone asking for $350 for emergency funding typical?

Move for previous question Senator 34, second Senator 31, no objections, this bill passes

**Announcements:**

Chair Jerry Overton- Next GSS meeting Sunday October 6, 2013 7:00 P.M. Sarkeys Energy Center A-235.

**Adjournment**

Move Senator 46, second Senator 2, this meeting is adjourned.