

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

April 19, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Meeting Password 050621

Call to Order: 7:11 pm

Took attendance, have a quorum

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Peterson (59), seconded by Senator Cone (13)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: We have one more meeting this semester, next Sunday. We are all still working office hours, just virtually, so please reach out to us anytime, but especially during those hours. We may not be able to answer non-urgent emails promptly outside of those hours because of other responsibilities. My office hours are Thursday 10-3 and Friday 11-3.
- Vice-Chair: attendance will be taken in first ten minutes so don't be late. And a couple people emailed me about the link to the meeting, which is listed in the agenda. My office hours are Thursday 11-3 and Friday 12-3
- Secretary: my office hours are Wednesday 2-4, and Thursday/Friday 2-5

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: we are almost done grading for the awards, so legislation will be ready for the next meeting.
- Development & Philanthropy: I unmuted myself, is that allowed? Our committee is actively working on the best practices document. Thank you to everyone that ordered a shirt, that company is still printing. Soon I'll have to figure out how to give you your shirts. And we bought some extras if anyone still wants one.
- External Affairs: nothing to report
- Human Diversity: nothing to report
- Internal Affairs: turns out I can't use my headphones. We have GS20-25 today along with elections.
- Public Relations: nothing to report
- Sustainability: even though green week in-person events aren't happening anymore, they have an amazing website, and I encourage you to check it out, earth week is coming up.
- Ways and Means: we have officially finished all of the grading. And we are presenting the legislation today so we can disperse the funds to the applicants. And I think this is the first time we have been able to fund all applicants that were eligible
 - Melissa: unfortunately that is because so many of them had to drop out (with research and conferences being canceled)

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS20-22 Academic District Range Amendment of 2020
 - Motion to move GS20-22 to floor by Senator Linsey (7), seconded by Senator Adams (10)
 - Author Bailey Ownby (Congress Associate): The purpose of this act shall be to change the SGA Constitution requirement from sixteen academic districts (16) to a range to allow the Congressional Administration committee more flexibility during the re-districting process.

Yields time for question

 - Senator Israel (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Hunter (70)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS20-23 An Act Excusing Negative Fiscal History for Academic Year 2019-2020
 - Motion to move GS20-23 to floor by Senator Israel (81), seconded by Senator Jenkins (78)
 - Author Emma DeAngeli (Congress Chair): The purpose of this act shall be to excuse negative fiscal history for Academic Year 2019-2020.

Yields time for question

 - Senator DuBose (9): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Rusmore (17)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS20-24 Sooner Freshman Council Education Act
 - Motion to move GS20-24 to floor by Senator Adams (10), seconded by Senator Bennett (29)
 - Author Foster Hillis (University College Representative): The purpose of this act shall be to ensure that Sooner Freshman Council members are gaining the full experience by attending SGA meetings in their entirety.

Yields time for question

Senator Cooley (5): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.

 - Seconded by Senator Hunter (70)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS20-25 Recusal and Notice Requirements for Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards
 - Motion to move GS20-25 to floor by Senator Jenkins (78), seconded by Senator Rusmore (17)
 - Author Dayten Israel (Senate Internal Affairs Chair): The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to ensure fairness and transparency in the selection and dispersal of Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards.

Yields time for question

 - Senator Vijay (116): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Linsey (7)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- GS20-26 An Act of Procedure approving Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the 2020 Spring Semester
 - Motion to move GS20-26 to floor by Senator Omoumi (40), seconded by Senator Cooley (5)

- Authors 2019-2020 GSS Ways and Means Committee: Purpose is to approve Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2020 Spring Semester.

Yields time for question

- Senator DuBose (9) Thank you for your work. I see your section 4 extends the grant money that may be claimed. Is that because of Covid-19?
- Author: June 30th is the last date, any invoices have to be by then for Spring, and July 1st to December 31st for fall applications.
- Senator DuBose (9): in the past June counted towards fall applications.
- Author: yeah, we made that correction this year. We're grandfathering people in for this year. We are going to accept June expenses in the fall and the spring applications, because before it said June expenses counted for the fall.
- Melissa: because before it was split 5 months (Jan through May expenses for Spring semester) and 7 months (June through December expenses for Fall semester)
- Senator Rusmore (17): I think there's a typo in one of the travel awards. I think that should be Jessica Gardner
- Author it goes out by their student ID, and I've copy and pasted what they put in their applications.
- Senator Linsey (7): point of clarification, in the far right hand column, there's some decimal points that are missing and one extends after the decimal point.
- Author: yeah, we updated it to round it up, because our calculation in Excel split it who got 100% and who got 75%. But we have updated it since then. And we rounded up.
- Senator Mallick (119): I can put ".00" for anyone that doesn't have the cents listed if you wanted
- Melissa: Cy would tell you to line up those decimals Rafia!
- Motion to pass by unanimous consent. Senator Mallick (119)
- Seconded by Senator DuBose (9)
- No objections
- Motion passes

Turn the floor over to Senator Dayten Israel (81), Chair of Internal Affairs to preside over Officer Elections

- Officer Elections
- Motion to move to Officer Elections: motion from Senator Ladain de Paula (16) and seconded by Senator Linsey (7)
- Reviewing the candidate for Chair. The election for chair is uncontested. We'll have five minutes for questions and you may also speak on behalf of the candidate. Are there any questions?
- Seeing no questions I move to suspend the rules and by a motion of acclamation. Do I have a second? Senator Woodworth (108) seconds. Congratulations Melissa.
- Reviewing the candidate for Vice Chair. This is also uncontested. We'll have five minutes for questions and you may also speak on behalf of the candidate. Are there any questions?
- Seeing no questions I move to suspend the rules and by a motion of acclamation. Do I have a second? Seconded by Senator Linsey (7). Congratulations Rafia.
- Reviewing the candidate for Secretary. This is also uncontested. We'll have five minutes for questions and you may also speak on behalf of the candidate. Are there any questions?
- Seeing no questions I move to suspend the rules and by a motion of acclamation. Do I have a second? Seconded by Senator DuBose (9). Congratulations Rin.
- Congrats to everyone.

Announcements:

Question from Senator Vijay (116) about the legislation mentioned in executive committee
Melissa: in our executive committee, we decided to task Academic Affairs and the Executive Committee to work on a piece of legislation requesting the university to consider refunding some of our fees to us, if at all possible. We can't force them, this would be a resolution, a request. We would also like to request that funding that was promised to graduate students when they came to the university are not stripped from them. As this could derail academic progress. If anyone like to work on that, please email me and I will forward that to committees working on that. Any other business or questions?

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Israel (81), seconded by Senator Stelter (53)

Adjournment:

Time: 7:45 pm