

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 6, 2019 7:00 P.M.  
Sarkeys Energy Center, A235**

**Call to Order: 7:02 pm**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Senator108, seconded by Senator 10

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair: Firstly, I have emailed you about the Graduate Council members and wanted to remind you to send me email by October 08, 2019, Tuesday Morning 8 am, so I could sort out names and send them out. Secondly, a quick reminder, for every legislation we give 5 minutes to author's explanation, 10 minutes for questions for author(s) and 30 minutes for debate. Lastly, Please hold off on the motion to pass by unanimous consent until we are sure there are no questions to be asked.
- Vice-Chair: Please make sure to write your names on the placards, if you have not done so by now. Also, don't forget to sign the committee forms, and write your name legibly along with your senator number. If you are a proxy for a senator, be sure to write your name, as well as the senators name and senator number.
- Secretary:
  - Chair: Secretary is sick, therefore, Rin will fill in for him.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs: No report
- Development & Philanthropy: We have been discussing ideas for on-campus and off-campus outreach opportunities and resources. We would ask for feedback soon.
- External Affairs: We have sent out the survey to all the senators asking about your overall satisfaction. Thank you to those who have filled it out, for others please do it as soon as you can.
- Human Diversity: No report
- Internal Affairs: No report
- Public Relations: We have been delegating responsibilities and updating our mission statement. We are working on ideas for efficient posting.
- Sustainability: No report
- Ways and Means: The deadline for Fall grant application was last Friday and we have just completed our first round of grading today.

**Special Orders:**

Motion to move Special Orders to the floor by Senator 81, seconded by Senator 09

- GF19-13 A Resolution Condemning Blackface on Campus
  - Motion to move GF19-13 to floor by Senator 12, seconded by Senator 62
  - Author, Malachi Bouch, Congressional Administration Chair, Lauren Miller, Human Diversity Chair, Savannah Patterson, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress: To condemn the blatantly racist incidents that have recently occurred and affect The

University of Oklahoma community. Let them also be informed that we pledge that the body will continue to strive towards creating a more diverse, inclusive, and accepting OU community.

Yields time for question

Senator 116: How you are you going to do condemn it?

Author: Some words are needed to be changed. Statement will be made on behalf of the whole SGA condemning such incidents.

Senator 06: Can I ask what language changes are we talking about?

Author: It was felt that this legislation did not support Black community well enough, and there will be change language and add that we will be taking steps to condemn such acts and not just condemning such acts

Senator 108: What are the plans or steps?

Author: One of them is that a class will be introduced to be taken by everyone about diversity.

- Senator 108: Motion to send it to joint committee
  - Seconded by Senator 120
  - Objection by Senator 116
  - Vote on motion to send it to joint committee
    - For: 49 Senators
    - Against: 1 Senator
    - Abstentions: 0
  - Motion passes
- GF19-11 Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2019-2020
    - Motion to move GF19-11 to floor by Senator 116, seconded by Senator 69
    - Author, Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: Student organizations were awarded for a total of \$ \$3,165 in Auxiliary Allocation 06.
- Yields time for question
- Senator 61: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 97
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GF19-14 An Act Appointing SGA Department of Communications Cabinet Director
    - Motion to move GF19-14 to floor by Senator 40, seconded by Senator 29
    - Author, Emma Ridenour, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association, Mahak Merchant, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint Michael Williams as SGA Department of Communications Cabinet Director.
- Yields time for question
- Senator 120: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
  - Seconded by Senator 116
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- GF19-15 An Act Appointing SGA Superior Court Members
    - Motion to move GF19-15 to floor by Senator 94, seconded by Senator 10
    - Author, Emma Ridenour, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association, Mahak Merchant, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress: The purpose of this act

shall be to appoint Cameron Burleson, Hunter McCans and Riddhi Yadav as Court Members.

Yields time for question

Senator 116: How many existing members do you have at the supreme court?

Author: Including these 3, we will have 5. The total can be 7.

Senator 116: Based on Section 07 of bylaws, is this appointment an addition of members or filling in previous ones.

Author: Previous members graduated, therefore they will be filling in.

- Senator 10: Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator 05
- No objections
- Motion passes

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

### **Announcements:**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator 112, seconded by Senator 70.

**Adjournment:** 7:24 p.m.