

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

October 10, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Zoom

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Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Hamilton (82), seconded by Senator Nabhan (123)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Please join the engage page if you have not already. I will send out more reminders for this next week. There have been some changes to the travel card policy. If you have any trouble with the travel cards, please reach out to me. We are talking with the deans of the graduate college about these changes and the impacts to grad students. If you have any international grad students that have had issues with getting their thesis hours processed, we did sort that out with the GC so please circle back to the GC because those issues have been resolved.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing to report
- Secretary:
 - Submit your attendance forms! When you speak, please say your senator number first as this helps me take minutes.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Nabhan (123): We talked about the newsletter. We decided the newsletter should be once a month. We talked about polling two other committees to see what questions or concerns they have so that we could perhaps address those in the newsletter. We talked about deadline extensions and seeing if we had the ability to make those deadlines consistent across departments and perhaps more flexible.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Matney (60): We went ahead and talked about passive philanthropy. Our first one is going to be a November food drive for the food pantry here at OU. We also discussed how we can communicate outside committee times in order to be able to have multiple subgroups work together on things.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Ulrich (11): We created an outlook group gss_EA@groups.ou.edu so if you want to communicate with us, please use this address.
- Human Diversity:
 - Senator Schwartz (117): We talked about inclusivity workshops and are in contact with the university diversity liaison about this. We also felt it would be good to be a sub committee of external affairs to work on interesting projects. We also discussed the “#WeAre” campaign and ways that campaign can help foster diverse identities on campus.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): We spoke about bylaw amendments and those will be here soon
- International Student Affairs:

- Senator Munteanu (49): We appointed senator 47 as secretary and discussed various improvements to international students. We discussed developing access to reliable transport for groceries. We also discussed reducing and eliminating international student fees.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Long (13): We decided with the difficulty in logging in with Facebook and twitter, we would stick with Instagram which Lauren Pettigrew will lead. If you have any ideas or influence you can push please send it our way to the address that Claire monitors (gss@ou.edu). Please follow @ou_gradsenate on Instagram!
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Tinney (91): I will let our secretary take over. As a meteorology grad student please watch the weather and make sure you have a plan to be safe if there is severe weather.
 - Senator Dorman (19): I met with the student environmental coalition and got an idea of the relevant events on campus. Also talked with PAE about things to come regarding sustainability.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): deadline for fall application is this Friday, please inform your senators. The website has been updated so please direct any senators with questions to that page <https://www.ou.edu/sga/graduate-student-senate/grants>. There is a living FAQ doc that I will be sure to update. You can also always direct students to me via the GSS WAM email.

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF21-09 Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2021-2022
 - Motion to move GF21-09 to floor by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Munteanu (49)
 - Author Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee: The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GF21-10 SGA Superior Court Appointment Act of 2021**
 - Motion to move GF21-10 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Hutchinson (86)
 - Author Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President: The purpose of this act shall be to fill vacancy and appoint student members to the SGA Superior Court. The applicants interviewed and we determined that these individuals will be excellent for the superior court
 - Corbin: undergraduate student, not present
 - Clayton Gaddis: I am a 3L at the law school. I did undergrad at Texas A&M. I enjoyed representing my school in GSS and I have had some internships that taught me skills I feel will allow me to serve the superior court well.

- Luke: Law student, not present
 - Arden Nerius: I am slo a 3L. I clerked for justice guerich at the supreme court of OK. Who said serving on the superior court was one of her favorite experiences. I want to serve OU well and plan to do so.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Barnett (38): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- **GF21-11 Parking Board Judges Appointment Act of 2021**
 - Motion to move GF21-11 to floor by Senator Crider (43), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82)
 - Author Matt Long, Parking Appeals Board Chief Justice: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint student members to the Student Parking Appeals Board. I am the current chief justice of the OU parking appeals board.
 - Andrew Wertheimer: we asked the following: why do you want to serve? What is your availability? Respond to this realistic scenario. And then asked about their involvement in high school or college to see how they may commit to the responsibilities. We then asked why they felt they were the best candidate.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Barnett (38).

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Time: 7:34 PM