

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

September 27th, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

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Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Linsey (7), seconded by Senator Woodworth (108)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: We have a lot of new senators, welcome. We also need to have a joint meeting because the Conoco bill did not pass Con Ad, so I will head the committee and Rafia will serve on it, and the Chair of Internal Affairs Senator Israel (81).
- Vice-Chair: Hi, good to see you all! I sent the committee forms, next time I'll send those committee officers around 6 pm before the meetings. Hopefully we'll elect those remaining officers today.
- Secretary: nothing to report

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: nothing to report
- Development & Philanthropy: We've appointed officers. Secretary is Senator Reimer (105), Vice Chair is Senator Nihad (74), and Chair is Senator Tennell (37).
- External Affairs: nothing to report
- Human Diversity: We appointed officers. Secretary is Senator Ashbaker (73), Vice Chair is Senator Tomte (96), and Chair is Senator Testa (64).
- Internal Affairs: nothing to report, met with a couple new members and discussed the upcoming joint committee.
- Public Relations: reelected chair from last meeting, new Chair is Senator Schwartz (117).
- Sustainability: Secretary is Senator Linsey (7), Vice Chair is Senator Rocha (53), and Chair is Senator Donahue (12). Talked about direction for the year.
- Ways and Means: We discussed new deadline for fall GSS Grants, October 23rd and will send out more info in the future. Discuss all the details for the GSS grants. This fall the university doesn't fund travel, but they'll fund virtual conference registration fees, so we talked about how to change the grading rubric. Plan to have a Q&A session in the future.

Special Orders: motion to move to the floor by Senator Reimer (105) and Senator Omoumi (40)

- GF20-08 Auxiliary Allocation Act 1 of 2020-2021
- GF20-09 Auxiliary Allocation Act 2 of 2020-2021
- GF20-10 Auxiliary Allocation Act 3 of 2020-2021
 - Motion to move GF20-08, -09, and -10 to floor by Senator Donahue (12), seconded by Senator Woodworth (108)
 - Author Lauren Patton (SGA Budget Committee Chair): 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 Woodworth (108): Point of information, are you doing any checks that the organizations are practicing social distancing?
- Author: We're looking into that. Some of that can be found in how they are promoting the events but were looking to expand this.
- Senator Israel (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator Woodworth (108)
- No objections
- Motion passes
- GF20-11 National Voter Registration Day Resolution of 2020
 - Motion to move GF20-11 to floor by Senator Ashbaker (73), seconded by Senator Woodward (11)
 - Authors Lacey Lewis (Congress Representative) and Ashley Rosen (University College Representative): The Student Government association will use all of their capabilities to assist in the voting process.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Mallick (119): There's a link at the end of the resolution, where does that fit in?
 - Author: That was from where one of the whereas clauses was citing, but the wording was changed. I will accept a friendly amendment to change that.
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Reimer (105)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF20-12 Uniform Campaigning Act of 2020
 - Motion to move GF20-12 to floor by Senator Reynolds (98), seconded by Senator Satalkar (18)
 - Author Foster Hillis (Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative): The purpose of this act shall be to define provisions from the Code Annotated § Title VI to allow for the publishing of candidate resources while increasing the visibility of candidates.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Point of information, since you're not specifying how this is presented, how do you define a page?
 - Author: It'll be an 8.5x11, whether physical or electronic. Given Covid, it will be probably be electronic.
 - Senator Israel (81): Could you explain what a photo ready piece of literature is?
 - Author: almost imagine like a flyer, it's not mandatory and it won't impact their position on the ballot, but imagine a flyer with a photo and some campaign points. In a previous presentation we had some examples and I can send those over.
 - Senator Israel (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Woodward (11)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF20-14 Hispanic Heritage Month 2020 Resolution
 - Motion to move GF20-14 to floor by Senator Omoumi (40), seconded by Senator Schwartz (117)
 - Authors Jessica Dobson (International Studies Representative), and Enrique Juarez (HASA President 2020-2021): The Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate recognize and celebrate the month spanning September 15th through October 15th; in addition to celebrate and help students have an inclusive space of culture and diversity within the Latinx identity at the University of Oklahoma.
 - Yields time for question

- Senator Woodworth (108): Point of information, I know Latinx is gender neutral, is there a need to make Hispanic gender neutral?
- Author: It's already gender neutral
- Senator Israel (81): Could you please elaborate on why this is seemingly so short and why there's not more information on significant cultural advancements and voter registration? The way it's written, it seems kind of disjointed.
- Author: I'm sorry you feel that way. The intent is mostly to collaborate with HASA and give them the means to be involved in SGA. We mostly just want to promote the events by Latinx people and not take away from it. We're reading about them in meetings throughout the month.
- Caitlyn Harmon (congress rep and co author): we also had multiple meetings with the HASA president and we wrote the language that them and Voto Latino wanted to write. We wanted to give voice to what they wanted to see. Since we saw this bill on voter registration day, we wanted to put in the language to encourage students to register to vote.
- Senator Bonine (107): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator Rocha (53)
- No objections
- Motion passes
- GF20-15 Honoring the Notorious RBG Resolution
 - Motion to move GF20-15 to floor by Senator Schwartz (117), seconded by Senator Satalkar (18)
 - Authors Foster Hillis (Congressional Administration Committee Chair and & University College Representative), Jori Cowley (Superior Court Justice), Rebecca Yanez (Associate), and Taylor Broadbent (External Affairs Committee Chair & University College Representative): The University of Oklahoma's Student Government Association honors the life and legacy of the Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and wishes her family, friends, and colleagues our most sincere condolences.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Israel (81): Are you concerned about the language of the bill in reference to Justice Ginsberg in the use of "Notorious RBG" given her relationship with the African American community has been questioned, and the name being somewhat tone-deaf?
 - Author: I was unaware, so if you would like to change the name I would be happy to have that conversation.
 - Senator Israel (81): friendly amendment to change title in Section 1 to: "Honoring Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Contributions."
 - Author: I would accept that.
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Point of information, my objections pertain to Section 3. From my understanding, a political party would push the nomination for Supreme Court. Would this be seen, like waiting for after the election, as us helping out one political party over the other?
 - Author: I don't think the bill is partisan because I would encourage any senator do this. And there's the possibility that the office won't even change hands. Could you provide clarification on what you feel is partisan?
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Didn't we do this for last time?
 - Author: last time, the Obama administration waited 8 months. Congressional precedent says they should wait the same amount.
 - Senator Woodworth (108): did SGA have something similar to push this?
 - Author: not that I'm aware.
 - Senator Israel (81): could we add sponsors to this bill
 - Author: we can accept that as a friendly amendment.
 - Co-sponsors to be added: Senator Rusmore (17), Senator Hamilton (82), Senator Schwartz (117), Senator Rocha (53), Senator Donahue (12), Senator Woodward (11), Senator Paek (63),

Senator Burch (54), Senator Omoumi (40), Senator Woods (20), Senator Delafield (111), Senator Satalkar (18), Senator Israel (81), Senator Dawson (86), Senator Tennell (37), Senator Jenkins (77), Senator Ashbaker (73), Senator Linsey (7), Senator Testa (64), Senator Reynolds (98), Senator Tomte (96), Senator Mallick (119), Senator Ferraro (120), and Chair Maxey.

- Senator Israel (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator Donahue (12)
- No objections
- Motion passes
- GF20-16 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2020-2021: Rafia presides
 - Motion to move GF20-16 to floor by Senator Donahue (12), seconded by Senator Woodworth (108)
 - Authors Melissa Maxey (GSS Chair), Rafia Mallick (GSS Vice Chair), and Rin Ferraro (GSS Secretary): To approve the nominations for the 2020-2021 Academic Appeals Panelists
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Israel (81): Can you elaborate how that works? Do they preside over a case by themselves?
 - Author: No, they would be panelists on a committee. I don't know how many look at one appeal.
 - Senator Mallick (119): I've served on one case, and there's a faculty member assigned and then at least 2 students. And we go through the whole case and give our decision to the faculty and we decide as a whole committee on where to go from there.
 - Senator Israel (81): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Reynolds (98)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF20-17 Fall 2020 Department Status Act
 - Motion to move GF20-17 to floor by Senator Israel (81), seconded by Senator Schwartz (117)
 - Authors Melissa Maxey (GSS Chair), Rafia Mallick (GSS Vice Chair), and Rin Ferraro (GSS Secretary): To update Graduate Student Senate department status at the beginning of the Fall 2020 session.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Walton (85): Using my department as an example, I represent Library and Information Studies and we're currently in bad standing. So no one from my department is eligible this semester for GSS Grants, but the status will be "good standing" next semester and then they're eligible, right?
 - Author: Yes.
 - Senator Walton (85): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Linsey (7)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements: Vice Chair: I sent committee forms to committees that had a Chair and Vice Chair, so please send those in. If you didn't get one, please write a summary of what you discussed, and include who attended the meeting and email me.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Linsey (7)

Adjournment:

Time: 7:45 pm