

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
November 8, 2020 6:30 P.M.
Zoom

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Walton (85), seconded by Senator Omoumi (40)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: I will need someone to make a motion to move the new senator orientation to special orders. I want to make sure everyone got the message about the meetings potentially going face to face and what we are doing to contact Governor Stitt. Also, if anyone is interested in serving on the Grad Counsel, I can send your name to Dean Hewes to recommend you.
 - Senator Woodward (11): Can 120 people meet in person?
 - Melissa: Yes, we don't usually have that many people. And if necessary, I can reserve the forum which can accommodate all of us with social distancing. But the best we can do is have all of us contact him in hopes we can extend it.
 - Senator Wheaton (43): Why is this up to the Governor?
 - Melissa: Because we are a public institution so our meetings fall under the Open Meetings Act. The Governor issued an order because of Covid to allow meetings to be virtual but that is supposed to expire on the 15th.
 - Senator Bussell (83): Couldn't our university president petition this to allow the virtual meetings to be continued?
 - Melissa: Honestly I hadn't thought to go to him about that, but I will talk to George and the other SGA leaders. Additionally, Savannah's working with student governments from other universities.
 - Senator Nabhan (44): If we don't get approval to continue through zoom, is there an option to do it the hybrid style or is it strictly in person?
 - Melissa: The way I understand the law, it must be in person.
 - Senator Israel (81): If we do have to move to in person and you don't feel comfortable, you can send a proxy.
 - Senator Schwartz (117): What if no one feels comfortable to be a proxy?
 - Melissa: Let's go ahead and discuss this later in the announcements section.
- Vice-Chair: If you are requesting a bill, please put the legislation number in your zoom name.
- Secretary: Please email me the committee meeting forms.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: We are working on TA and RA award applications.
- Development & Philanthropy: We talked about tomorrow we are going to the city to get boxes to put out for Toys for Tots.
 - Melissa: I also have one in my office that's available if you need it.
- External Affairs: We are currently working on a survey including things like health care and mental health facility access, asking if grad students feel they have easy access to these kinds of things. We plan to have this Qualtrics survey completed before Thanksgiving break, and have PR distribute it, hopefully before Thanksgiving break.
 - Melissa: And before this gets sent out, we will have the Executive Committee approve of it.

- Human Diversity: We are discussing how to make diversity and inclusion training more accessible.
- Internal Affairs: We had talked about the election appointment procedures for the bylaws.
- Public Relations: nothing to report
- Sustainability: We talked about an event at Lake Thunderbird that's happening next Sunday at 1pm, and we talked about future events happening in the spring semester.
- Ways and Means: We discussed the legislature regarding the fall grant applications.

Special Orders:

Motion to move Senator Orientation to the floor by Senator Gilbertson (97) and seconded by Senator Reynolds (98).

Melissa discusses the Orientation document to explain protocol for meetings in general and virtual details.

Old Business:

New Business: Motion to move new business to the floor by Senator Linsey (7) and seconded by Senator Bonine (107)

- GF20-07 2020-2021 Conoco Student Leadership Center Office Allocations
 - Motion to move GF20-07 to floor by Senator Ashbaker (73), seconded by Senator Williams (63)
 - Authors Justin Norris (SGA President), Melissa Maxey (GSS Chair), Rafia Mallick (GSS Vice Chair), Savannah Patterson (Undergraduate Congress Chair), Malachi Bouch (Undergraduate Congress Vice Chair), Dayten Israel (GSS Internal Affairs Chair), Crispin South (Undergraduate Congress University Policy Chair), Cooper Delafield (GSS Internal Affairs Vice Chair), and Max Murdock (Undergraduate Congress University Policy Vice Chair): The purpose of this Act is to allocate Conoco Center Offices.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Point of information, I thought we had passed a bill earlier where no one has their own offices any more or something like that.
 - Author: That was the original point of this bill, but because of concerns from Congress and other organizations, it went through the joint committee. Then the SGA Executive Committee discussed, and there's potential for new office space, so things like that are being ironed out. Nothing has been settled on this, and it's kind of late in the game, so this is the most viable solution right now.
 - Senator Woodworth (108): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Seconded by Senator Woodward (11)
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- Motion to add GF20-32 Auxiliary Allocation 8 of 2020-2021 to the floor: Senator Jenkin (72) and seconded by Senator Rocha (53)
- GF20-30 Auxiliary Allocation Act 7 of 2020-2021
- Motion to move GF20-30 to floor by Senator Satalkar (18), seconded by Senator Jenkin (72)
- Motion to move Auxiliary Allocation 7 and 8 as a block: Senator Woodworth (108) and Senator Donahue (12)
 - Author Lauren Patton (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 Israel (81): Why has CAC requested auxiliary funding?

- Melissa: Because it's a state law, so OU could probably say "no more meetings" but we still have a lot of other business to conduct. We're a public university and we use public funds so we have to follow the law.
- Senator Woodward (108): When does attendance get taken in the general meeting?
 - Melissa: We use the committee meeting forms, and then zoom also gives us a list of who was logged in and for what duration.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Shpeer (22), seconded by Senator Wright (5).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:39 pm