

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

October 24th, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/91235083226>

Passcode: 04729484

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Crider (43)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - We are working on a resolution for the travel card and purchasing with those. If you have any stories of issues you had with obtaining or using those, please email me. This evening is the last evening to order SGA apparel.
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Submit your attendance forms on Engage please!

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Creason (17): The committee worked on breaking up the tasks of the newsletter. These were broken up into me taking on Graduate College deadlines, Rana will take of organizing larger scholarships, Jared will take on college-wide resources making sure that we are not duplicating graduate student life. Additionally, Faith mentioned making sure workshops are available. Lane mentioned that he will be sending recaps to his college dean, who had asked for a copy of the report. Kristina mentioned that her military stipend issue was resolved. We talked a bit about how everyone is progressing and the work that they are doing in their program.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Matney (60): we are getting our food drive idea sorted out, logistics and what we would want to accept and what the duties would be. Other than that we set hard deadlines for signing up for subcommittees and those projects.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Beyer (89): Upcoming: Graduate College GradSERU results meeting Wednesday 10/27 4:00pm. No action/preparation to be taken at this time. Next meeting: Presentation from Dr. Megan Elwood-Madden on Teaching Evaluation Working Group's (TEWG) new end-of-course surveys. No action/preparation to be taken at this time.
- Human Diversity:
 - Senator Tomte (96): Nothing to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Norris (112): Collectively edited Graduate Student Senate Secretary Service Hours Requirements Act and Graduate Student Senate Chair Service Hours Requirements Act via Google docs. Planned to continue working on the other legislation at future meetings.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Munteanu (49): Nothing to report.
- Public Relations:

- Senator Willems (44): We will be sending out an email to encourage representative membership to our IG page. This email will also include a template for said reps to send to their department. As a reminder, please send all messages/advertisements to our Public Relations email for publication to our IG platform: gsspr@ou.edu
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Doornbos (53): Nothing to report.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Walton (85): Discussed sending out the notification of funding. Discussed what went well with our procedures and what we can improve for the next semester. – Discussed the idea of using Engage for submission – Discussed the idea of moving the deadline up – Discussed and agreed upon requiring all signatures to be electronically signed with a security stamp starting in the spring semester of 2022 – Discussed putting together a standard funding distribution for the future semesters to bring consistency to the funding process. – Discussed raising the cap for the funding amount per semester for both research and conference. – Decided to change the gendered language in the application – Discussed moving the directions to either the front of the document or to a second document. – Discussed the option of having a recommendation form vs a letter of recommendation.

Special Orders:

- Senator Dorman (19) moves to move bill GS21-16 from special orders to new business
 - Seconded by Senator Monaghan (94)

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF21-12 2021-2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act
 - Motion to move GF21-12 to floor by Senator Norris (112), seconded by Senator Tomte (96)
 - Author Isaac Kabrick, SGA Election Commissioner: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2021-2022 Election Commission Staff. There is also a 5 page memo about the appointment process I gave to your leadership that may help explain some of the process. I will yield to Alexia and Jordan to introduce themselves.
 - Alexia: I am from MO and a freshman political science major
 - Jordan: I am a second-year law student
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes
- GF21-13 Auxiliary Allocation 5 Act of 2021-2022 and GF21-16 Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2021-2022
 - Motion to move GF21-13 and GF21-16 to floor as a block by Senator Alo (58), seconded by Senator Creason (17)
 - 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 Norris (112): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections

- Motion passes
- GF21-15 Fall 2021 Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards
 - Motion to move GF21-15 to floor by Senator Barnett (38), seconded by Senator Monaghan (94)
 - Author 2021-2022 GSS Ways and Means Committee: Purpose of the legislation is to approve conference/research & creative exhibition grant awards for the 2021 Fall semester.
 - Yields time for question
 - Senator Barnett (38): Will those who were denied be given feedback as to why they were denied?
 - Author: Yes, they will be getting feedback on why they were denied the grant and are offered the chance to email me back to request more information.
 - Senator Hamilton (82): friendly amendment to change title from “Act of Procedure” to “A Senatorial Act”
 - Seconded by Senator Monaghan (94)
 - Senator Hamilton (82): Motion to pass by unanimous consent.
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Barnett (38), seconded by Senator Hamilton (82).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:20 PM