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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15
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SENATE BILL NO. GS15-22

AS INTRODUCED

An Act, amending Sections 8 and 9 of the GSS By-Laws; providing for a new committee on issues of sustainability; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "The Sustainability Committee Act of 2015."

Section 2: The purpose of this act is to establish the "Sustainability Committee" as the ninth standing committee within GSS.

Section 3: AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Section 8 of the GSS By-Laws:

SECTION 8. Executive Committee

A. The EC shall be composed of the three (3) elected officers and the chairs of the eight (8) nine (9) standing committees or the three (3) elected officers until the committee chairs have been selected.

Section 4: AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Section 9 of the GSS By-Laws:

SECTION 9. Standing Committees

A. There shall be eight nine standing committees, listed as follows:

1. Academic Affairs - Works on issues that affect the University and Graduate Students in terms of their academic missions and goals, such as exam preparation week, the language test for international graduate assistants, etc. The committee also selects the outstanding graduate assistants for the academic year.

2. External Affairs - Confronts problems of wages, health insurance, facility access rights and the relationship of Graduate Students to their Departments and the University at large.

3. Human Diversity - Regularly schedules a series of panel discussion, the "Diversity Discussion", that allow students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to come together and discuss issues of human diversity in an academic setting. The

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committee co-sponsors other activities with other cultural groups on campus as well as developing new ideas on how to address diversity issues.

4. Internal Affairs - Helps manage the Senate's relationship with other SGA branches, works on the Senate By-Laws, and oversees the Senate's internal policies and procedures.

5. Problems and Projects - Organizes events, such as the Graduate Student Appreciation Week, that provides enjoyment for Graduate Students as well as projects that raise funds for Senate activities.

6. Public Relations - Oversees advertising for events related to Senate, as well as general advertising for the Senate. Public Relations is tasked to get the word out and educate the student population about Senate activities.

7. Way and Means - Manages the Conference Travel and Research Grant allocation process and serves an oversight role in the SGA budgetary process.

8. Development and Philanthropy - Plans and executes events that promote personal development and inculcate values of community service and philanthropy among the members of the Graduate Student community.

9. Sustainability - Develops new ideas on how to address sustainability concerns (energy and water use, waste and recycling, food, transportation, etc.) on campus in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Sustainability Plan. Establishes and maintains relationships with the university's student sustainability groups, the Sustainability Coordinator, Facilities Management, and other relevant campus departments.

Section 5. This act shall become effective, in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

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Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

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