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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE SESSION GS16
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SENATE BILL NO. GS16-12

AS INTRODUCED
A Senate Act amending the Graduate Student Senate By-Laws to clarify the requirements for departments to remain in good standing with GSS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “GSS Good Standing” Act of 2016.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act shall be to add a specific section within the GSS By-Laws about the requirements for departments to stay in good standing with GSS.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: For the purpose of this Act, additions shall be indicated with *italics* and deletions indicated with a *strike-through*.

Section 4: Section 1. D. will be amended as follows:

D. “Bad Standing” means that Graduate Students from a Department so labeled shall be ineligible for GSS conference and research grants, beginning the first semester that they do not send a senator to the Senate.

1. If a Department’s Senators accrue Absences after the second regularly scheduled Meetings or Committee Meetings in a semester, the Department will be considered on probation the following semester.
2. If a Department’s Senators accrue Absences after the second regularly scheduled Meetings or Committee Meetings for two consecutive semesters, the Department will be placed in Bad Standing the following semester. Thus a Department on probation will be placed in Bad Standing if the requirements aren’t met while on probation.
3. If a Department in Bad Standing shall remain in Bad Standing until the Department has sent at least one (1) Senator for a full semester without the Senator accruing any Absences after
the second accruing more than two absences at regularly scheduled Meetings or Committee Meetings in the semester. A Department that meets these requirements is also no longer on probation.

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Submitted on a motion by: Senator Kierig, second by Senator Kapoor

Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: [Signature] Date: 3/22/16

Approved by SGA President: [Signature] Date: 3/22/16