UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
November 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235

Call to Order 7:03

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: October 28, 2012  
95 – 54 no objections

Officer Reports:  
☐ Chair – still have problem with bicycles being stolen at Catlett… this may be something problems and projects wants to look at. Students have been coming by suggesting we do not depend solely on the department grad liason for degree checks.  
☐ Vice-Chair – Has been sitting in on the weekly uosa exec meeting. There will be changes in health benefits next years. This will especially affect GRA’s and GTA’s. Next year there will be only one plan and the University will cover the entire cost. It will be more extensive than current coverage. For those who are not GRAs and GTA but purchase the plan, there will be a slight increase in cost. The Vice Chair attended the Big 12 Graduate Student Conference the past few days hosted here on the University of Oklahoma campus. It was a good conference and we were able to show off the campus to the visiting members of the conference.  
☐ Secretary - NR

Committee Reports:  
☐ Academic Affairs - NR  
☐ Development & Philanthropy – Service project for the semester will be gathering to make blankets to give to charity. We will get together at the UOSA office at 5:30 before the Dec. 2nd game. Those who come need to purchase and bring two yards of fleece. All sewing equipment will be provided.  
☐ External Affairs - NR  
☐ Human Diversity - NR  
☐ Internal Affairs - NR  
☐ Problems & Projects – Will have refreshments for next meeting  
☐ Public Relations - NR  
☐ Ways and Means – See special orders

Special Orders:  
☐ (open for student concerns)  
☐ GF12-31 Fall 2012 Research and Travel Grant Allocations –  
Melissa Stringer, Chair-Ways & Means – in the past we took the entire budget, cut it in half and used that money to allocate. This year we took the money and divided it among the applications that were approved. We followed the rules of application and awarded only 46 grants, but were able to give out more money to those who earned grants.  
Question Senator 98 – apparently OU has a new rule that reimbursement is 90 days after purchase. This can be a big deal and maybe we need to change deadlines to insure that when people travel it will be in the 90 day window.  
Melissa – committee was not aware of this. Will look into this before allocating spring grants.  
Question Senator 92 – these are grants and not reimbursements, correct?
Melissa – they are grants but in some cases the money has already been spent. 
Move Senator 43 (Carrie Pavlowsky), second Senator 44 (Margaret Holleman) to bring GF12-31 to the floor for consideration in committee as a whole.

Question Senator 73 – did you make any amendments to the list?
Melissa - yes… we had two applicants who were wrongfully disqualified. They were revised today and the money will be added to the final bill.
No further discussion.
In favor Senators: 32, 23, 20, 95, 11, 54, 40, 12, 68, 78, 2, 21, 56, 90, 57, 36, 52, 27, 98, 97, 47, 76, 53, 48, 47, 89, 7, 3, 92, 91, 55, 80, 84, 79, 10, 44, 6, 43, 87, 22, 73
Not in Favor – 0
Abstentions – 0
Bill Approved

Old Business:
☐ GF12-16 Give the Money to the Students Act of 2012 (vetoed by UOSA President; sustained by Undergraduate Student Congress) No Discussion

New Business:
Announcements:
☐ Next (final of the semester) GSS Meeting December 2, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
   o Note: we will meet in the 3rd floor of the Conoco Student Leadership Wing at the Union!!!!

Adjournment   Move to adjourn Senator 54, second Senator 95 Adjourned 7:22