UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
MINUTES
October 14, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Cook @ 7:04 p.m.

Minutes of the September 30, 2012 meeting were approved; Motion to approve by unanimous consent Senator 54, second Senator 17, no objections.

Officers Reports:
• Chair – Chairman Cook has met with the dean of the graduate college who wants the GSS to continue supporting the Book Colloquium and student life. According to the dean, the Parking and Transit Department is moving from the building shared with the Graduate College and the room will be transformed into a graduate student lounge.
• Vice Chair – GSS will be using standing committees to handle preliminary review of legislation in the coming year. Prior to future meetings legislation to be considered by the full senate will be referred to the appropriate GSS standing committee for review and a recommendation of do pass, do not pass or no recommendation. Some of the committees have already gotten legislation for review prior to tonight’s meeting.
• Secretary – No Report

Committee Reports:
• Academic Affairs – No Report
• Development and Philanthropy – No Report
• External Affairs – Reviewed Act 12-22, no recommendation; reviewed Act 12-24, recommend do pass.
• Human Diversity – the committee is working on a social for GSS. No details to report at this time.
• Internal Affairs – reviewed Acts 12-20, 12-21, and 12-23, recommending do pass on all three pieces of legislation.
• Problems and Projects – No Report
• Public Relations – Selected Meghann Rother as committee chair to replace Jerry Overton. Lynn Worcester selected as vice chair.
• Ways and Means – Grant applications due at noon October 26, 2012. Applications will be graded on October 28th.

Old Business: - None
New Business:

- GF12-14 Emergency Allocation Act #3 of 2012 - Approved
  
  - Motion to approve by unanimous consent Senator 17, second Senator 54, no objections

- GF12-17 Proper Compensation for a Job Well Done Act of 2012 - Tabled
  
  - Senator 19 moved to bring legislation to the floor, second Senator 61
  - Senator 54 moved to table the legislation until the next meeting of the GSS to allow the authors an opportunity to attend and explain the legislation. Second, Senator 72, unanimous consent, no objections.

- GF12-18 Student Government Association Referendum Act - Approved
  
  - Senator 39 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 98.
  - Senator 48 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 39, no objections.

- GF12-19 UOSA Election Board Chair Appointment Act - Approved
  
  - Senator 5 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 39.
  - Question Senator 17, was candidate Jackson the only nominee? Yes.
  - Senator 54 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 38, no objections.

- GF12-20 Integrity Council Update Act – Approved
  
  - Senator 39 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 46.
  - Senator 39 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 42, no objections.

- GF12-21 Office of Bicycles Update Act – Approved
  
  - Senator 54 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 17.
  - Senator 73 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 71, no objections.

- GF12-22 These Elections Are Not Going To Run Themselves Act – Approved
  
  - Senator 54 moved to table the legislation because the names of the three nominees do not appear on the legislation. Senator 73, the bill has been amended to list the names of the three nominees. Senator 54 withdraws move to table.
  - Senator 72, if only two nominees applied how was the third nominee chosen? Election Board Chair Jackson said he had asked the third person to be a nominee.
  - Senator 73, How many people are required to serve on the election board. Jackson said the number is at the discretion of the election board chair, usually two to three people.
  - Senator 72, Is it possible for the nominees to come before the next GSS meeting to answer questions? Jackson said yes.
  - Senator 73 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 21, no objections.
- GF12-23 Duties of the Interior Director Update – **Approved**
  - Senator 39 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 17.
  - Senator 31 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 48, no objections.
- GF12-24 Where Do I Vote? Act – **Approved**
  - Senator 6 moved to bring the legislation to the floor, second Senator 5.
  - Senator 17, How many locations are normally used for an election. Two to three.
  - Senator 48 moved to approve by unanimous consent, second Senator 17, no objections.

**Announcements:**
- Next GSS Meeting October 28, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Senator 4 moved to reconsider GF12-18 to allow for additional questions and discussion. The move requires a two thirds vote of senators in attendance.

- Senators in favor – 95, 17, 54, 97, 98, 33, 20, 19, 27, 69, 90, 35, 77, 53, 92, 91, 3, 12, 89, 72, 80, 79, 60, 65, 47. (25-total)
- Senators opposed – 13, 46, 39, 11, 61, 48, 21, 31, 78, 71, 7, 5, 6, 59, 43, 73, 22. (17-total)
- Senators abstaining – 45 (1-total)

**By a vote of 25 to 17 to 1 the motion fails.**

Senator 39 moved to adjourn, second Senator 6, no objections, the meeting was adjourned @ 7:32.