Called to Order 7:04 by GSS Chair James Cook

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: October 14, 2012  Move to accept 95, second 79. No objection.

Officer Reports:
- Chair – NR
- Vice-Chair – Big 12 Student Congress is coming up. Vice-Chair Race Clark will attend for GSS.
- Secretary – NR

Committee Reports:
- Academic Affairs – NR
- Development & Philanthropy – The committee is working on a time to make quilts
- External Affairs – NR
- Human Diversity – Nativefest will be November 1st
- Internal Affairs – Committee discussed GF12-24 and voted it to the GSS floor with a do-pass recommendation. Committee also selected Kate Brantly as secretary.
- Problems and Projects – NR
- Public Relations – NR
- Ways and Means – Grant applications graded today. There were 108 turned in. The committee used the exact process outlined in the grant application. There will be changes for the next year.

Special Orders:
- (open for student concerns)
- Dr. T.H. Lee Williams, Dean of the OU Graduate College – reported to the GSS body on operations of the Graduate College and upcoming changes to the office complex housing Graduate College Administration.
- GF12-30 Election Board Membership Appointment Act of 2012 – Move by 54, second 17 to move bill to new business. No objections.
- GF12-17 Proper Compensation for a Job Well Done Act – Move by 54, second 50 to bring the bill to the floor. Congress Chair Sean Bender, author of the bill explained the purpose of the bill. He said the only compensation for UOSA Budget Chair today is an occasional sandwich from Crossroads while the job requires at least 40 hours per month. The compensation outlined in the bill is the same as for GSS and Congress Vice Chairs and will begin next fall if the bill is approved.
Questions:
48 – Will there be required office hours? Yes, they are not specified but will be worked out.
73 – Move to pass, second 48. No objections

- GF12-16 Give The Money To The Students Act of 2012 – Move by 39 to bring to the floor, second 17.
  Move by 95 to postpone action on GF12-16 indefinitely, second 11.
  92 – This bill deserves a vote.
  39 – Question – Can the Senate hear from the authors of the bill at this time? No, we are discussing only the motion to postpone. Rules require that those wanting to be heard on motion to postpone come to the front of the room and divide into two groups to debate with a time limit on debate.
  89 – Move to suspend the rules and allow open debate. Second 53. No objection.
  95 – speaking for postponing, we have heard it will be vetoed by the student body President if passed.
  74 – I think it is right that we hear from the authors.
  84 - I agree we should at least hear from the bill’s author.
  92 – Agree with the previous two Senators.
  85 – Move to end debate 85. Second 55. Requires a placard vote.
  In Favor of Ending Debate –
  32,31,13,97,19,52,20,56,48,71,61,21,87,89,70,3,53,50,43,7,44,73,9,92,84,79,59,6,74,65,5,60,45,77,9
  In Favor of Continuing Debate –
  95
  Abstaining –
  17,22,39,49,47
  Motion to end debate passed 35-1 with 5 abstentions.

Andrew Carlough, author, recognized by Chair James Cook. The purpose of the bill is to cut funding under UOSA to the four positions listed in the bill. The reasoning is these positions should not be paid with public funds. These are private, invitation only organizations not open to all students. I was asked by students to create this bill to eliminate the funding.
73 – move to extend time to Carlough by three minutes, second 92. No objections
Carlough, the bill does not affect these organization’s ability to receive future funding from UOSA and will not go into effect for one year. We can add money back during the one year period if its decided there is a reason to do so.
17 – Are there any requirements or job descriptions from UOSA for these positions in order for them to receive the stipend? Carlough - Yes there are some but very few.
71 – move to postpone the vote until we can hear from the four chairs of the affected organizations.
73 – The four chairs were asked to attend and said at executive council Wednesday night they would be in attendance. We even created a spot for them on tonight’s agenda but they did not choose to attend.
71 – move to withdraw the motion to postpone.
31 – What has occurred in the past 15 years that means these organizations no longer serve the student body? Carlough – they do little to give back, and only work for their respective organizations.
54 – Do these organizations have the ability to conduct events that reach the entire student body? Carlough – Yes
32 – This bill doesn’t change anything except that the four positions would no longer be paid? Carlough – Yes
48 – Why aren’t we getting rid of more organizations like this?
Chair – the discussion time limit has been reached.
39 – Move to extend time, second 92, no objection.
54 – Do members of these organizations pay activity fees to the organizations? Carlough – yes.
97 – If funding is cut where will the money go? Carlough – fees will not be decreased, the money will go back into the general fund for student grants.
32 – Do the positions being considered receive compensation from their parent organizations? Carlough – No, two have said it could be done and two said it could not be done.
17 – Are the organizations willing to compensate these positions?
Carlough – IFC and PanHellenic are willing.
48 – Is it possible to not cut funding until we’re sure the stipend can be replaced by another source? Carlough – By passing the bill tonight we put a one year deadline on the organizations to force the issue and gives time for review. Failure to vote tonight will extend the process by one year.
Chair – the discussion time limit has been reached.
17 – Move to extend discussion by two minutes, second 73, no objection.
17 – Are students in these four organizations aware they’ll have to pay dues and fees twice, one to the University and the second to the organization to fund these organizations?
Carlough – Yes
Chair – the discussion time limit has been reached
84 – Move to extend discussion by two minutes, second 73, no objection.
4 – The four chairs involved were invited to be here tonight? Yes
48 – If any of the four positions are not able to be funded by their respective organizations in the future are you willing to re-visit funding in the future? Carlough – Yes, if there is more regulation regarding these positions.
32 – What percentage of students are Greek? Carlough – High 20% for IFC and PanHellenic, no more than 35% total.
17 – Move to vote by placard, second 39, No objection.
In favor of GF12-16:
32,31,20,11,19,98,97,56,23,61,21,47,12,87,89,3,53,50,43,7,44,91,92,84,59,6,74,60,45,73,77,9
Opposed:
13,54,39,17,49,55,95,48,71,79,65,22
Abstain:
70
By a vote of 32 in favor, 12 opposed and 1 abstention the measure is approved.
17 – Are we at quorum for this meeting?
Chair – attendance count?
48 attending, 77 on roll, 39 required for quorum

- 85 – Move to return to special orders, second 50, no objection.
  Floor to Dean Williams for comments on OU Graduate College

- 39 – Move to consider GF12-25 and GF12-26 as a block. No objection.
  48 – Move to approve, second 22. No objection.
- 95 – Move to consider GF12-27, GF12-28 and GF12-29 as a block. No objection
  Question:
  39 – on GF12-28 UOSA is asking for $4,000 appropriation for the executive branch. What is this
  money for? Joe Sangiardi, UOSA President – The budget doesn't reflect what the executive
  branch does. The money is to help with future projects but still doesn't cover all needs.
  31 – Move to approve, second 21. No objections
- 39 – Move to bring GF12-30 to the floor, second 21, no objection.
  General Counsel, we need this approved tonight because elections are slated for next week.
  65 – Move to approve, second 45, No objection.
- Announcements:
  o Next meeting of GSS is November 18, 2012
- 73 – Move to adjourn, second 20, No objection. Meeting adjourned 8:40p.m.

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