Call to Order 7:04 James Cook - Chair

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: January 27, 2013  Move to approve Sen. 54, second Sen. 34. No objections

Sen. 39 moved to advance Special Orders to the top of the meeting agenda order to allow Karen Rupp-Serrano from the University Libraries make a presentation on open access. Second Sen. 65 No objection.

- Karen Rupp-Serrano - Open access is literature available to university students and faculty without most copyright or licensing restrictions. OA is a constructive movement devoted to building a large and growing body of openly accessible literature that is accessible, widely distributed and lower cost alternative to subscription literature. OA designed to serve authors, readers, teachers & students, universities, libraries, funding agencies and governments, citizens. OU is behind the curve on OA right now. OU working on a campus-wide OA policy as well as an institutional repository and funding. Funding would come from OU and not from student fees. OA strategies, want to begin a campus-wide dialogue; discuss formulation of an institutional open access policy, asking scholars to attempt to retain rights to published articles to be re-posted for noncommercial purposes, deposit data in an open data repository, establish funding support for OA publishing, publish in OA venues, publish in journals that offer OA options and submit these publications to Sooner Scholar. For additional information contact Karen Rupp-Serrano, Director, Collection Development and Scholarly Communication. krs@ou.edu 405-325-1807. Karen is also available to speak with student organization in individual departments and colleges. A pamphlet on author rights is available and will be sent to the GSS offices.

Officer Reports:

- Chair – It has been a busy semester so far, there are numerous changes being made and meetings being held, elections are coming up. Graduate appreciation week will be April 1-5. There will be the bicycle safety check, a cookout, a wine-tasting and other things.
- Vice-Chair – There have been questions about the follow-up to the Greek Pay Act that was voted on by GSS and the Student Congress in the fall. The measure was vetoed by the Student Body President who promised to provide a replacement measure for discussion this spring. Questions are being asked about the President’s follow-up. We have received a letter from the President saying he has been holding meetings over the past couple of months with the former presidents of the four Greek council’s involved and others. He says progress is slow but is being made. The Vice Chair of GSS will continue talking with congressional leadership to determine if GSS needs to make another attempt to pass this type of legislation. We hope to give the President sufficient time to make good on his promises, but if this drags on it may be our responsibility to draft new legislation. The Vice Chair will forward the full response of the President to anyone who wants a copy.
- Secretary – The secretary is currently updating attendance records for GSS. Please make sure that you sign in for all meetings and sign and submit to the secretary a GSS
committee attendance form. The secretary reminded all that attendance at both general assembly and committee meetings is required to insure each college and department represented is in good standing and eligible for travel grants.

**Committee Reports:**
- Academic Affairs - NR
- Development & Philanthropy - NR
- External Affairs - NR
- Human Diversity – Benny – next meeting (February 24th) we will be having a potluck. On March 7th the NAS will be having symposium. Everyone is invited
- Internal Affairs - NR
- Problems & Projects – Involved with the potluck dinner. Please RSVP
- Public Relations – Met with undergraduate congress PR committee regarding the proposed logos for SGA.
- Ways and Means – Grant applications are due March 1st at noon. Anyone that wants can drop by Melissa’s office prior to March 1st and have her preview an application for errors.

**Special Orders:**
- Karen Rupp-Serrano, University Libraries
- Dissolve into Committee of the Whole for
  - GS13-06 SGA Election Board Chair Appointment Act
- (open to student concerns) 40-39 No objections…

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**
- GS13-02 Frank Elkouri condolence resolution – Sen 95 moved to bring the bill to the floor, second Sen. 54
  Author John Montgomery – this is a concurrent resolution already approved by Congress. I think it is great that both Congress and the Senate are acting concurrently. Professor Elkouri was very influential and strong in his support of OU.
  Sen. 73 moved to approve the resolution. Second Sen. 42. No objections. The resolution is approved.
- GS13-03 Emergency Allocation #1 Act of 2013
  - Sen. 73 moved to bring GS13-03 and GS 13-04 to the floor as a block. Second Sen. 21. No objections, the bill will be considered as a block.
- GS13-04 Emergency Allocation #2 Act of 2013
  - Sen. 34 moved the previous question to vote on the bills as a block… second 73… no objections. GS13-03 and GS13-04 are approved.
- GS13-05 Brett Finbloom/Good Samaritan law resolution – Sen. 34 move to bring to the floor. Second Sen. 55. No objections, the resolution is brought to the floor for consideration.
- Co-Author Tonya Kiper – The resolution will encourage the Oklahoma State Legislature to adopt a Good Samaritan Law to prevent alcohol-related deaths among minors. It is based on the death of Brett Finbloom, an incoming University of Oklahoma freshman who died in Indiana on August 5, 2012 due to alcohol poisoning. His death could have been prevented by a call to 911 but the call was not made because minors were afraid to seek help because of their fear of legal repercussions. Current Oklahoma law allows for the prosecution of minors seeking medical attention for alcohol poisoning.
Sen. 34 – are there any other Big 12 institutions doing the same? Kiper - Not sure but author is working with OSU on a similar bill. 
Sen. 65 – does this apply to the person suffering from alcohol poisoning or the one calling. 
Kiper - Hopefully both. 
Sen. 54 move to pass. Second Sen. 34 second. No objections… resolution passes 
GS13-06 SGA Election Board Chair Appointment Act – Sen. 65 move to bring the bill to the floor. Second Sen. 6. No objections the bill is brought to the floor for discussion.
- Co-author Akash Patel – The student body president Joe Sangirardi has appointed Cole Jackson to be the SGA Election Board Chair upon passage of this bill.
- Sen. 34 - When should this have been done? 
- Patel - The appointment needs to be made by the three week mark before the elections. 
Sen. 73 - When is the election filing period? First week in March.
- Sen. 43 move to pass. Second Sen. 44. No objections. GS13-06 passes.

Announcements:
- “State of SGA” Speech at the Oklahoma Memorial Union, Baird Lounge, Wednesday, February 20, 11 AM – 12:30 PM This basically functions as a joint session of GSS and the undergraduate student congress. Food and drink provided; all Senators strongly encouraged to attend. The speeches will begin at 11:30.
- Next GSS Meeting February 24, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
  o Cross-cultural potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., prior to the meeting
- Viewed the proposed SGA logos. These will be distributed electronically to all senators for review.

Adjournment – Move to adjourn Sen. 73. Second Sen. 50. No objection the meeting is adjourned at 7:45 p.m.