

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

February 6th, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/92662526832?pwd=VGuKxz94KVUMqSIbCSpaC4a7Waq9ha.1>

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Mission Statement: Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

Reading and the Approval of the Minutes: (minutes from previous meeting:
<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/agendas/2025/1-23-25-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)
Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Every year we hold a graduate student leader lunch with members of the administration to discuss concerns with graduate students. If you or any members of your department are leaders of student organizations
- Vice-Chair:
 - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Sukumaran (64): Nothing new to report.
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Edwards (11): We are planning a raffle for giving day, prizes must be student made artwork or performances. We need to confirm these as soon as possible so if you or someone you know has a potential prize let me know.
- External & Legislative Affairs:
 - Senator Ryan (98): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Brickwell (37): Senator 19 has taken over our secretary position.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Shodunke (58): Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Merchant (81): Nothing new to report.
- Sustainability:

- Senator Smith (10): Nothing new to report.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Applications for the Spring grant cycle are open. Be on the lookout for an email. They will be open until Feb. 8th. All grad students can apply for grants for research and travel happening before July 2025.

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

GS25-04 Higher Education Day Act of 2025 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS25-04 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Jordan (91)
- Author, Ava Burnett, Arts and Sciences District Representative: The purpose of this act shall be to request support for increasing funds for higher education resources distributed by the State Government of Oklahoma
 - Author yields time for questions.
 - Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
 - No objections.
 - Motion passes.

GS25-05 Elections Revision Act of Spring 2025 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS25-05 to floor by Senator Triemstra (11), seconded by Senator Smith (10)
- Author, Congressional Administration Committee Chair, Kyle Martin: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association's Code Annotated to reflect necessary changes to the Election Rules.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Brickell (19): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Chiarelli (119), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9).

Adjournment:

Time: 7:20 PM