

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

March 27, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93638222663?pwd=dFpKQUZOK2Q1U1oxV0lMUy9FUkRZUT09>

Call to Order: 7:03 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/2025/2-6-25-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

- Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Mendoza (118)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - We will be going over the reports from the graduate college survey as part of the meeting as well as the procedure for the impeachment process occurring later in this meeting.
- 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): Raffle! There will be materials re: raffle to send out to your departments so be on the look out.
- External & Legislative Affairs:
 - Senator Ryan (98): Nothing new to report.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Brickwell (37): Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Shodunke (58): event upcoming: April 2 at 2pm: Immigration options after international student status- information session on immigration as it affects international students in current times. The event will be with the Director of OU office of immigration and immigration attorney Nima Zecavati,

- Public Relations:
 - Senator Merchant (81): several fliers are being made for upcoming events. Please send any requests for materials and be sure to share all materials with your departments.
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Smith (10): Nothing new to report.
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Chiareli (119): Sign up for grading session via the WAM email. Results for grant applications will be available by the next GSS meeting.

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- Speaker: Dr. Sage Mauldin, Director of Professional Development and Engagement
 - The graduate college survey was a success. Generally, graduate students are looking for more networking and career development events. They would like to work with GSS to put on these events (specifically for the networking events). Email any questions about the survey results to Dr. Mauldin.

Motion to read the Impeachment articles via unanimous consent by Senator Bain (111)

- No objections.
- Motion passes.
- Reading of Impeachment Articles by Vice Chair Aaron Gilson-Bond
 - Charges are as follows:
 - A. Created a hostile workplace environment while serving as SGA president.
 - B. Failed to act in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act and the SGA code annotated while serving as SGA president.
 - C. Went against the chief justice's advisement in electing members to search committees while serving as SGA president.
 - D. Neglected his duties to the legislative branches while serving as SGA president.
 - E. Hindered the duties and responsibilities of the chief of staff

Motion to approve the order for the summons of all required parties via unanimous consent by Senator Bain (111)

- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Old Business:

New Business:

GS25-10 Primary Funding Act of 2025 for Governmental Organizations (Rec of No Rec)

- Motion to move GS25-10 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Bain (111)

- Author, Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee: The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Mendoza (118): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-11 Primary Funding Act of 2025 for Registered Student Organizations (Rec of No Rec)

- Motion to move GS25-11 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Bain (111)
- Author, Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee: The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Mendoza (118): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-12 Appointing Parking Appeals Judges Act of Spring 2025 (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS25-12 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61)
- Author, Carter Strickland, SGA President: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint judges for the Student Parking Appeals Board.
- Author yields time for questions.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

The impeachment trial for SGA President Strickland will need to occur in person per our bylaws. The meeting will not occur April 10, but will be on either a regularly scheduled Thursday meeting or an off week (April, 3, 17, or 24). We need to meet quorum to vote on the charges and hold the trial- please try your absolute hardest to be present. The proceedings will function like a criminal trial and we will vote on each charge. A 2/3 majority needs to be met for each charge to reach a guilty verdict.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Frenz (53)

Adjournment:

Time: 7:43