

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

**April 10, 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/2025/3-27-25-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

- Senator Chiarelli (119), seconded by Senator Bain (111)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
  - We will have elections tonight. Please put your senator number in your name in zoom so we can count votes. We have our graduate student leadership luncheon coming up. I plan to issue a statement to the OU Daily soon about the visas being revoked however I encourage this body to also draft a resolution regarding this.
- Vice-Chair:
  - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary:
  - Please submit your committee reports, if you have not already.

**Committee Reports:**

- Academic Affairs:
  - Senator Sukumaran (64): We are now grading applications for graduate student awards on April the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Development & Philanthropy:
  - Senator Edwards (11): Please send the flyer for the raffle to your department. We will sell tickets until the 25<sup>th</sup>. May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the final happy hour.
- External & Legislative Affairs:
  - Senator Ryan (98): We have legislation we are working on.
- Internal Affairs:
  - Senator Brickwell (37): Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs:
  - Senator Shodunke (58): We had a great turnout at our last event.
- Public Relations:

- Senator Merchant (81): Nothing new to report.
- Sustainability:
  - Senator Smith (10): Undergraduate student congress just put out signs saying not to use confetti for graduation photos, and we encourage that same message. Please pass this along to your departments.
- Ways and Means:
  - Senator Chiareli (119): We are finishing up grant grading. We will present a bill at the last meeting in two weeks.

### **Student Concerns:**

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

#### **GS25-13 Women's History Month of 2025 (Do Pass)**

- Motion to move GS25-13 to floor by Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Mendoza (118):
- Author, Lilian Higareda Castillo, Journalism & Mass Communications Representative: The purpose of this act is to acknowledge and celebrates the month of March as Women's History Month.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

#### **GS25-14 Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Extension Act of 2025 (Do Pass)**

- Motion to move GS25-14 to floor by Senator Maxwell (97), seconded by Senator Mahmoud (112):
- Author, Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff: The purpose of this act shall be to extend the date of the Pilot Program for the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Author yields for questions
  - Senator Frentz (53): Would you accept a friendly amendment to add the definition of RSO to the bill?
    - Kathuria: is the chair aware this amendment will cause the bill to be seen again by congress
      - Chair: Yes
    - Kathuria: Is the chair aware that this version of the bill is missing an amendment that was added in congress?
      - Chair: I am now.
    - Author: I accept that friendly amendment.
- Senator Bain (111): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator Ryan (98)
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

#### GS25-15 Matin-Toyos Appointment Act (Do Pass)

- Motion to move GS25-15 to floor by Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Kimbrell (8):
- Author, Mercer Martin, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair: The purpose of this act shall be name and appoint Co-Chairs for the Crimson Leadership Association who will serve the entirety of the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Nominees introduce themselves to the Senate, sharing their names, majors, and groups in which they are involved on campus.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion pass via unanimous consent.
- Seconded by Senator Jensen (6)
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

#### GS25-16 Resolution Recognizing Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria

- Motion to move GS25-16 to floor by Senator Bain (111), seconded by Senator Ryan (98):
- Author, Rin Ferraro, Graduate Student Senate Vice-Chair: The purpose of this act shall be to recognize Shrey Kathuria for outstanding service to SGA and the University of Oklahoma.
- Senator Ryan (98): Motion pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

#### Special Orders:

- GS25-16 Resolution Recognizing Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria
  - Senator Bain (111) move to new business seconded by Senator Rodriguez (91)
- Elections
  - Chair steps aside, making Chair of External and Legislative Affairs Libby Ryan acting Chair
    - Senator Bain (111) motions to move elections to the floor
      - Nominee for chair is summer Edwards. Summer do you accept
        - Edwards: I do
          - Chair would you introduce yourself
            - Edwards: I have been chair of Dev and Phil this year and I hope to be more involved by being chair next year. Thank you all
    - Senator Bain (111) move to enter into Q&A with summer
      - No questions
    - Senator Rodriguez (61): Move to vote on summer
      - Seconded by Senator Frentz (53)
    - Senator Bain (111) motion to elect summer as chair via unanimous consent
      - Senator Rodriguez (61) second
    - Chair: we have two nominees for vice chair. Dana Mahmoud do you accept?

- Mahmoud: Yes I do
- Chair: Subash Chandra do you accept?
  - Chandra: I withdraw.
- Senator Bain (111) move to enter Q&A for 5 minutes?
  - No questions
- Senator Bain (111) motion to approve via unanimous consent
  - Seconded by Senator Frentz (53)
- Chair: I will now turn the floor over to Jordan Norris as Chair
  - Chair: We have received a nomination for Libby Ryan for secretary. Libby do you accept?
    - Ryan: I do
    - Senator Bain (111) move to q&A seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61)
  - Senator Bain (111) motion to elect via unanimous consent.

### **Announcements:**

Senator Greer (22): will there be grad cords?

Chair: Yes, please email Rin

Senator Kimbrell (8): Grad students from Gibbs college of architecture are opening a pavilion for a non profit they created on April 26<sup>th</sup> in OKC. Please look for a flyer saying the following and share it with your departments:

- ROOTS OF RECOGNITION
- HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS & CULTIVATING CHANGE
- APRIL 26TH SATURDAY 2-4 PM
- 2129 NW 30th Street
- Oklahoma City, OK 73112
- “Join us as we celebrate the conclusion of Sisu Youth Services' Volunteer Week and the unveiling of a special new addition-a temporary pavilion built by graduate students from the University of Oklahoma. This pavilion will serve as a welcoming space while Sisu continues fundraising for a new building expansion. Come celebrate Sis's ongoing impact, the dedication of volunteers, and the power of community collaboration. Enjoy light refreshments, hear from the Sisu team, and connect with the incredible community that makes Sisu's mission possible. We can't wait to see you there!”

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Bain (11), seconded by Senator Frentz (53)

### **Adjournment:**

Time: 7:32