

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

April 24, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93638222663?pwd=dFpKQUZOK2Q1U1oxV0lMUy9FukRZUT09>

Call to Order: 7:06 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/2025/4-10-25-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

- Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Chiarelli (119)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Talk about next semester in your committee meetings. Try to decide who the Chair, Vice Chair, and secretary will be next year for your committee. If you would like a grad cord, please email Rin or swing by OMU 181 and ask for Mary.
- 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 will formally announce grad student award today!
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Edwards (11): Our raffle closes tomorrow at 11:55 PM so please share the announcement with your departments, organizations, etc. Winners will be announced next week. We have our final Happy Hour on May 7th.
- 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): 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): We will see our grant bill this evening. Please communicate to your constituents we will be sending out notifications shortly after this meeting. The new WAM chair will be Sam Jensen!

Student Concerns:

Special Orders:

- GS25-33 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2024-2025 Academic Year
 - Senator Odunfa (21) Motion to move GS25-33 to New Business
 - Seconded by Senator Rodriguez (61)

Old Business:

New Business:

GS25-17 Search Committee Clarification Act

- Motion to move GS25-17 to floor by Senator Kimbrell (8), seconded by Senator Bain (111):
- Author, President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify the procedures for appointing individuals to Search Committees.
- Senator Smith (10): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-18 Red River Holiday Act of 2025

- Motion to move GS25-18 to floor by Senator Triemstra (9), seconded by Senator Bain (111):
- Author, President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association: The purpose of this act shall be to officially submit an unscheduled holiday to the University of Oklahoma President, Joseph Harroz Jr., for approval pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Board of Regents policy manual.
- Senator Kimbrell (8): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-19 Budget Procedures Act of 2025, GS25-20 Budget Review Procedures Act of 2025 & GS25-21 SGA Non-Student Salaries Layout Act of 2025

- Motion to move GS25-19, GS25-20, & GS25-21 to floor as a block by Senator Odunfa (21), seconded by Senator Bain (111):
- Author, Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee: The purpose of these acts shall be to update Title X of the Code Annotated to reflect current best

practices, make the review process for funding allocations clearer, and make it easier to remove any member of the WAM committee for failure to perform the tasks they are responsible for, and to allow more flexibility with regard to the payment of the SGA Staff Assistant, the SGA Budget and Account Representative, and OU Student Legal Services Staff Attorney, as well as eliminate the existence of SGA Poll Operators as that position is now obsolete.

- Senator Bain (111): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-22 Scholars Walk Revival Resolution

- Motion to move GS25-22 to floor by Senator Sukumaran (64), seconded by Senator Mahmoud (112):
- Author, Saniya Shibu, Associate: The purpose of this act is to encourage the revival of the Scholars Walk.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-23 Accommodated Testing Accessibility For All Act

- Motion to move GS25-23 to floor by Senator Bain (111), seconded by Senator Neeley (74):
- Author, Shrey Kathuria, College of Arts and Sciences Representative: The purpose of this act is to urge the OU Testing Center to increase flexibility for students scheduling exams.
 - Question from Rin Ferraro: Can I be added as a cosponsor?
 - Author: Yes!
- Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-24 Campus Safety Resolution of 2025

- Motion to move GS25-24 to floor by Senator Chiarelli (119), seconded by Senator Triemstra (9):
- Author, Marilou Bento, Chair of External Affairs: The purpose of this act is to recommend the Oklahoma State Legislature maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus.
 - Senator Bain (111): What is the current policy on guns on campus?
 - Author: Guns are not allowed to be carried on campus.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-25 The Vice President Appointment Act of 2025

- Motion to move GS25-25 to floor by Senator Rodriguez (61), seconded by Senator Mahmoud (112):

- Author, Avery Dunlap, SGA President: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Vice President of the Dunlap Administration within the Executive Branch.
- Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-26 2025-2026 SGA Election Commissioner Appointment Act

- Motion to move GS25-26 to floor by Senator Mahmoud (112), seconded by Senator Smith (10):
- Author, President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2025-2026 Election Commissioner.
- Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-27 Spring 2025 Superior Court Appointment Act

- Motion to move GS25-27 to floor by Senator Chiarelli (119), seconded by Senator Neeley (74):
- Author, President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint a Superior Court Justice.
- Senator Triemstra (9): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-28 Sustainable Water Bottle Resolution

- Motion to move GS25-28 to floor by Senator Neeley (74), seconded by Senator Chiarelli (119):
- Author, Arianna Jordan, Graduate Student Senate Sustainability Committee: The purpose of this act is to encourage an increase in the availability and engagement with sustainable water consumption practices at the University of Oklahoma.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-29 Midterm Exam Per Day Limit Act of Spring 2025

- Motion to move GS25-29 to floor by Senator Odunfa (21), seconded by Senator Chiarelli (119):
- Author, Coleman Morgan, Associate: The purpose of this act is to encourage the establishment of a university wide midterm exam limit.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-30 Immigration Executive Orders of 2025 Awareness Resolution

- Motion to move GS25-30 to floor by Senator Bain (111), seconded by Senator Jordan (91):

- Author, Dana Mahmoud, External & Legislative Affairs Committee Secretary: The purpose of this act is to address recent visa revocations in Oklahoma and informing students of available resources
- Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-31 Spring 2025 Departmental Status Act

- Motion to move GS25-31 to floor by Senator Bain (111), seconded by Senator Shodunke (58):
- Author, Jordan Norris, GSS Chair: The purpose of this act is to update Graduate Student Senate Department status for the full academic year 2024-2025.
 - Author: There is an error that I will fix whereby Microbiology will be removed as they are now within the School of Biological Sciences.
 - Senator Odunfa (21): Is the change in standing based on semester or yearly attendance?
 - Norris: It is semesterly.
- Senator Smith (10): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-32 Spring 2025 Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Act

- Motion to move GS25-32 to floor by Senator Odunfa (21), seconded by Senator Bain (111):
- Author, 2024-2025 GSS Ways and Means Committee: The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the individuals mentioned within.
 - Senator Bain (111): does the previous bad standing list affect this
 - Yes it was considered
- Senator Odunfa (21): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

GS25-33 Spring 2025 Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Act

- Motion to move GS25-33 to floor by Senator Bain (111), seconded by Senator Shodunke (58):
- Author, Goutham Sukumaran, GSS Academic Affairs Committee Chair: This act is to approve the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for 2024-2025 academic year.
- Senator Chiarelli (119): Motion to pass via unanimous consent.
- No objections.
- Motion passes.

Announcements:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Smith (10), seconded by Senator Lopez (13)

Adjournment:

Time: 7:44