

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
February 16, 2014  
Sarkey's Energy Center, Room A235, Conference Room**

**Call to Order-** Jerry Overton 7:03

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes:** Move to approve Senator 45, second Senator 75. No objections, minutes of 12/01/13 meeting are approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chair-** First of all, welcome back! I'm sorry we haven't had a reason to get together earlier, but we have some legislation tonight. The Executive Council will meet in next few days to look at budgets for all student organizations on campus. There will be voting soon. Also the Big 12 on the Hill... the University of Oklahoma is sponsor for Big 12 on the Hill. We will keep you updated.

**Vice Chair-** I will begin taking attendance this semester. If you don't meet attendance requirements, you will become in bad standing. If you are not on a committee, please see me. If you are on a committee, you have to attend the committee meetings or that attendance will count against you.

**Secretary-** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic Affairs-** No Report

**Development and Philanthropy-** No Report

**External Affairs-** We have collected responses from the survey. We will meet early next week to analyze data and then give a report.

**Human Diversity-** No Report

**Internal Affairs-** No Report

**Problems and Projects-** No Report

**Public Relations-** No Report

**Ways and Means-** Grant applications are due on the 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Senator 28: What dates do the grants cover?

Ways and Means: January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Senator 61: Have the errors been fixed on the application?

Ways and Means: We won't correct for decimals, but one thing we talked about is we are going to start a grading process where applications with no mistakes will have first crack at the money, applications with some errors will have the next crack, and applications with major errors will have the last crack.

Senator 61: Didn't correct department listing, will that be revised? My college doesn't have departments and people were denied funding.

Ways and Means: We will give you more guidance after the meeting.

Senator 86: What was the date range?

Ways and Means: January 1 through May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

### **Special Orders:**

GS14-03 Emergency Allocation Act No. 9

Motion to bring to floor by Senator 45, second by Senator 46, no opposition. GS 14-03 Emergency Allocation Act No. 9 is on the floor.

Author: This is allocating 1,600 dollars to four student organizations applying for funding. This was passed in Congress on Tuesday. I yield time for questions.

Senator 34: Mr. Author, what is the 50 dollars for the capital investments for research going to?

Author: Various office expenses.

Senator 87: What is the Mumford Research Group?

Author: I don't have my notes on me. I apologize. I don't know what exactly they do.

Senator 45 makes a motion to pass by unanimous consent, 88 seconds, no opposition.

Author: There is an important deadline next Thursday. All applications for primary funding are due.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

GS14-01 A Concurring Resolution requesting the Oklahoma State Legislature to maintain access to higher education for all Oklahoma residents; and providing distribution

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 86, second by Senator 83, no opposition. GS 14-01 is on the floor.

Author- This is a joint resolution. It points to a bill going through Oklahoma State Senate. Anybody who is not a U.S. citizen will have to pay out of state tuition. People have fulfilled every other requirement to pay in-state tuition, and if this law passes, they won't get in-state tuition. This resolution says we disapprove of this. We want to maximize access to higher education. We have talked with David Boren and Clark Stroud and others and they are on board and strongly support it. They think it is a good idea to make a statement.

Senator 34: Mr. Author, this would affect documented immigrants?

Author: Yes, lawful immigrants would not be able to get in-state tuition.

Senator 5: Does this have to do to make up for budget cuts?

Author: They are not trying to compensate for a budget shortfall.

Senator 52: Why then is this bill being proposed?

Author: We are not sure. My hypothesis is that the Oklahoma Legislature is hostile to immigrants.

Senator 5: It hurts people who are here legally as permanent residents?

Author: It hurts anybody who is not a U.S. citizen.

Senator 34 makes a motion to pass by unanimous consent, second by Senator 20, no opposition. The resolution passes.

GS14-02 President and Vice President Emergency Procedures" Act of 2014.

Motion to bring to floor by Senator 86, second by Senator 02, no opposition.

Author: This bill rectifies issues with the Constitution. As it stands, the Constitution says the Vice President assumes duties of President if the President can't perform duties but does not include title or pay. As a result Madeline is assuming duties of the President while receiving Vice President pay. This legislation rectifies the issue by reimbursement equivalent to the SGA President and clarifies her duties. It is very important to note this will sunset on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Senator 34: Will this then lead to vacancy for President or Vice President?

Author: There is no vacancy in the vice presidency right now.

Senator 5: Does the Vice President get compensation?

Author: She'll get the Vice President's pay and 85 dollars to make it even with President.

Senator 34: Mr. Author, is there not a very clear line of succession in the Constitution?

Author: There is not a clear line of succession.

Jerry: Correct me if I'm wrong, obviously there's enough of a discrepancy that our General Council says there is no succession, correct? ...Okay...

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator 75, second by Senator 72, no objections, bill passes.

**Announcements:**

Madeline: I want to introduce myself. Earnest resigned last week. Come by my office hours, I would like to speak with you. I want to say thank you for your time and for your service to the student body.

Jerry: March 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next meeting. Committee meetings are at 6:30. Grant applications are due on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Noon is the cut off time.

Senator 72: I'm representing Rebecca Miller. I was supposed to advertise a Star Wars movie marathon. Robinson Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor this Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. where the three good ones will be showing- A New Hope, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi.

George: Go the SGA website. It talks about February 20<sup>th</sup> for every registered student organization wanting primary funding.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Senator 75, second Senator 79, no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 7:27 p.m.