

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 6, 2014 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235, Conference Room**

Call to Order- Jerry Overton 7:01

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: Move to approve Senator 77, second Senator 75. No objections, minutes of 3/30/14 meeting are approved.

Chair- Our elections are in a few moments, also going to be voting on travel and research grants, the Ways and Means committee has been very diligent, I request to give Ways and Means a round of applause.

Vice Chair- No Report

Secretary- No Report

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs- No Report

Development and Philanthropy- No Report

External Affairs- Letter to send to graduate liaison next week asking all departments to adopt a uniform position on application process for funding conferences.

Human Diversity- No Report.

Internal Affairs- We will be having our senate elections after committee reports.

Problems and Projects- Our last meeting will be in the Conoco Phillips, will have food, also need special permission to hold event at Fred Jones.

Public Relations- No Report

Ways and Means- Grants are done.

Special Orders:

Officer Elections

Shayne: We have three positions and three nominations, one for each position. For Chair we have Carrie, for Vice Chair we have Jacob, and for Secretary we have Elizabeth.

[Carrie speaks regarding nomination for Chair.]

No questions from Senators.

[Jacob speaks regarding nomination for Vice Chair.]

No questions from Senators.

[Elizabeth speaks regarding nomination for Secretary.]

No questions from Senators.

[Candidates step outside.]

Motion by Senator 83 to accept all nominees by acclamation, second by Senator 87, no objections. All three nominees accepted by acclamation.

Motion to move GS 14-17 and GS 14-18 to New Business from Special Orders by Senator 75, second Senator 11, no objections.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-17 Administrative Organization Primary Funding Appropriation

Motion by Senator 86 to bring bill to the floor, second by Senator 59, no objections, bill is on the floor.

Ozair: The first of two major funding bills, most important pieces of legislation our government passes every single year, primary funding, student activities fees funds this, SGA has about 625,000 dollars, our responsibility to allocate that out to student organizations, do the main chunk through primary funding in the spring, we do this in two categories, SGA administration- congress, senate, campus activities council, and a second bill for student organizations.

Senator 59: What is the category PEA?

Ozair- Programming event activities.

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

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-18 Student Organization Primary Funding Appropriation

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 75, second by Senator 86, no objections, bill is on the floor.

Ozaire: This goes to all student organizations, 148 student organizations receive funding, up 19% from last year in terms of funding.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator 75, second by Senator 2, no objections, bill passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GS14- 13 An Act of Procedure Approving Travel/Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the Spring 2013 Semester

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 75, second by Senator 87, bill is on the floor.

Pete: This is money for travel and conferences, instrumental in making graduate programs what they are, also have grants for research that eventually gets presented.

Senator 86: What's the status on departmental field, changing that field to a drop down menu?

Pete: We discussed it and thought it would be unfair to change application in middle of the year, so we are in talks to fix that for next year.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator 75, second Senator 85, no objections, bill passes.

SENATE BILL NO GS14-14 A Concurring Resolution requesting the State of Oklahoma to build a railway transportation system from Norman, OK to Oklahoma City, OK; and directing distribution

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 86, second by Senator 75, no objections, bill is on the floor.

Chair- The author is not here.

Motion to table bill by Senator 75, second by Senator 87, no objections, bill is tabled until next meeting.

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-15 Emergency Allocation Act #12

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 59, second by Senator 86, no objections, bill is on the floor.

Ozaire: This is the 12th emergency allocation for Powerlifting and Film Projection Club.

Sen. 20- Can people still apply?

Ozaire: Emergency funding is finished.

Sen. 20: Were there any funds remaining?

Ozaire: A little under 7 thousand remaining in account, will transfer over to next year.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Senator 75, second Senator 28, no objections, bill passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-16 An Act Allocating Student Leadership Wing Office and Storage Space for the 2014-2015 Academic Year; providing short title; and providing effective date

Motion to bring to the floor by Senator 75, second by Senator 86, no objections, bill is on the floor.

John: This is my last piece of legislation in this body, this bill does the task of allocating office space in the student union and storage space we also have, most of the folks that have offices in student union have reapplied for their spots, 11 people in the storage area did not reapply, we got a couple of new organizations in there as well.

Motion to move to previous question by Senator 75, second by Senator 59, no objections, in line to vote.

Voting now, no objections, bill passes.

Announcements:

Chair: Keep an eye on emails for the next meeting on the 27th.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 59, second by Senator 55, no objections, meeting is adjourned at 7:24 p.m.