

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF08

December 7, 2008

SENATE BILL No. GF08-17

AS INTRODUCED

An Act amending the UOSA Graduate Student Senate By-Laws; amending several terms defined on Section 1; assuring consistency within the bylaws of the UOSA Graduate Student Senate; and providing for an effective date

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
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**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as the “An Act amending the UOSA Graduate Student Senate By-Laws; amending several terms defined on Section 1; assuring consistency within the bylaws of the UOSA Graduate Student Senate; and providing for an effective date”.

**SECTION 2.** Deleted words or phrases are shown by ~~striketrough~~ and added words or phrases are shown by *italics*.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1(D), defining “Bad Standing” is hereby amended to make it consistent with Section 2(B)(1)(a) of the current Graduate Student Bylaws, to show the following change:

D. “Bad Standing” means *that one of the Senators representing a Department so labeled has been expelled for attendance violations.* ~~that a Department so labeled~~ *Departments in Bad Standing* shall be ineligible for conference and research grants beginning the semester following the semester in which the Department fell into Bad Standing and until the Department returns to Good Standing.

1. A Department in Bad Standing shall remain in Bad Standing until the Department has sent its allotted number of Senators for a full semester without an individual Senator accruing more than *three* ~~two~~ Absences at regularly scheduled Meetings or Committee Meetings *during in the one* semester.

**SECTION 4.** Section 1(H), defining Graduate Liaison is hereby amended to show the following change:

H. “Graduate Liaison” is a faculty/staff employee of the University of Oklahoma designated by the Graduate College as the link between the *Graduate* College and Graduate Students *in each Department*.

**SECTION 5.** Section 1(M) is hereby amended to show the following changes:

- M. ~~“Meetings” are general meetings of the Senate as a whole.~~ *is the conduct of business of the Graduate Student Senate by a majority of its members being personally together.*

**SECTION 6.** Section 1 Defined Terms is hereby amended to add new sections 1(N), 1(O) and 1(P) and the subsequent subsections are re-alphabetized accordingly

- N. *Regularly scheduled meeting” is a meeting at which the regular business of the public body is conducted. These are held generally every other Sunday at 7:00 PM during the fall and spring semesters.*
- i. *The Executive Committee, directed by the chair of the Senate will set the schedule of Meetings for the upcoming academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). If the Executive Committee cannot be convened over the summer, the senior elected officer may set the schedule of Meetings.*
  - ii. *Any Senator can propose to change the day and/or time of the Meetings. A 2/3 vote of the Senate is required to approve the change. The Executive Committee can vote to cancel a scheduled meeting. A 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee is required to approve this change.*
- O. *“Special meeting” is any meeting of the Graduate Student Senate other than a regularly scheduled meeting or emergency meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the Student Body President when the Legislative Branch is convened in extraordinary joint session. It may also be convened by a majority vote of the membership or a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council.*
- P. *“Emergency meeting” is any meeting called for the purpose of dealing with an emergency. An emergency is defined as a situation involving injury to persons or injury and damage to public or personal property or immediate financial loss when the time requirements for public notice of a special meeting would make such procedure impractical and increase the likelihood of injury or damage or immediate financial loss. A majority of the officers may call an emergency meeting at any time with proper notice.*

**SECTION 7.** Section 1 Defined Terms is hereby amended to add a new section 1(Q), and the subsequent subsections are re-alphabetized accordingly

- Q. *“Session” is the period of time when the Graduate Student Senate is sitting as a body. The Graduate Student Senate has two sessions per academic year. The first session coincides with the fall semester and the second session coincides with the spring semester. The Graduate Student Senate does not sit as a body during the December Intersession nor during the Summer Academic Sessions (May Intersession, August Intersession and Summer 8-week session).*

**SECTION 8.** Section 1(R); formerly section 1(O), defining the term “Senator” is amended as follows:

- Q. “Senator” is a Graduate Student selected by his or her peers to represent their

Department in a voting capacity in the Senate. *A senator's term shall start at the beginning of the fall semester – unless he or she is selected to after the first meeting of the fall semester, in which case, the senator is to take seat for the remainder of a term. In any case, his or her term shall end at the end of the spring semester.*

**SECTION 9.** This act shall become effective immediately upon passage in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Student Association Graduate Student Senate bylaws.

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Action taken by Senate: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_