

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE GF08**

MINUTES

**September 21, 2008
Adams Hall, Room 255**

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2008.

Motion to consent by Sen. Krell, seconded by Sen. Averbek. No objections.

Officers' Reports:

Chair (Susan Adams-Johnson):

- i. Welcome Clarke Stroud – Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. He wants to address the senate today and you would invite him to the floor now to be able to continue with business as usual afterwards
- ii. Nominations for Vice-chair were open until Friday Sept. 19th, 2008. If we have nominees we will hold the election of the Vice-chair tonight.
- iii. Next meeting, T. H. Lee Williams is coming to visit us during our next meeting.

Vice-Chair: (None)

Secretary (Frank Yepez Castillo)

- i. Secretary (Frank Yepez Castillo): Announced that we are looking for volunteers to form part of the academic appeals board in the graduate college and that those interested in that can contact our secretary, Frank Yepez, for more information (graduate.student.senate@ou.edu).
- ii. During our next meeting, Debra Engel, Associate Dean of Libraries for Public Services, will visit us to give us a brief update on the different services that the Library System offers to Graduate Students. This would be done at the beginning of our next meeting. Please let students in your department know about this. The meeting is open to anyone that wants to attend.
- iii. Thank you everyone for turning in your credential forms.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Nothing to report

External Affairs: Looking into Graduate student Health Insurance, tuition waivers and how to get to oversight bills that come from Congress. Also looking into bicycle safety on Campus and stipend differences between different departments on campus.

Human Diversity: How are sexual harassment complaints addressed by the University of Oklahoma and is this procedure in need of a revision?

Internal Affairs: The committee is contacting departments that have not yet sent a representative to congress in order to increase participation. Elections of

Vice-chair are postponed until Oct. 5, 2008 due to a request to revise our bylaws.

Problems and Projects: GSS wants to participate in the Homecoming parade. Working on revamping the Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

Public Relations: Working on increasing participation in our events through effective publicity and promotions.

Ways & Means: Reviewing the criteria for GSS Grants Application process.

Special Orders:

Motion to move GF08-08, GF08-09, and GF08-10 from special orders to New Business by Sen. Bernard, seconded by Sen. Burkholder. No objections

GF08-08 An act of legislation advising and consenting to a new election chair for the Fall 2008 election.

GF08-09 An act of procedure consenting to the Provost's recommendation that classes be cancelled the Friday before OU/TX; and providing effective date.

GF08-10 An act establishing the election dates for the fall 2008 election; and providing effective date.

Old Business:

Motion to consider **GF08-02** "An act of legislation amending Congressional Bill No. 780309 and Senate Bill No. GF07-25, 'The Revised Legislative Process Act of 2007' " by Sen. Mackey, seconded by Sen. Averbek.

Passed by Consent

New Business

GF08-06 An act advising and consenting to the allocations regarding the Conoco Student Leadership Wing; and providing an effective date.

Motioned by Sen. Goudeau, seconded by Sen. Hackbert

Question by Sen. Ukpong: Can you clarify the function of the bill?

Author: It is on the title, the purpose is to allocate the office space in the 2nd and 3rd floor of the Conoco wing.

Question by Sen. Harrison: Why wasn't this bill presented during our last meeting?

Authors: That question is not relevant to the content of the bill.

Passed by Consent

GF08-07 An act of procedure amending the "Standing Rules of Order of the Graduate Student Senate" to restrict authorship of legislation to membership

Motioned by Sen. Starke, seconded by Sen. Goudeau

- Passed by Consent
- GF08-08** An act of legislation advising and consenting to a new election chair for the Fall 2008 election.
Moted by Sen. Goudeau, seconded by Sen. Mackey
Question by Sen. Ukpong: What are the functions of the Election Chair.
Authors referred to the functions as outlined in the UOSA Constitution
Question by Sen. Harrison: Is the election chair here today?
Authors: No, he is not here today.
Passed by Consent
- GF08-09** An act of procedure consenting to the Provost's recommendation that classes be cancelled the Friday before OU/TX; and providing effective date.
Moted by Sen. Bernard, seconded by Sen. Hackbert
Passed by Consent
- GF08-10** An act establishing the election dates for the fall 2008 election; and providing effective date.
Moted by Sen. Burkholder, seconded by Sen. Harrison
Passed by Consent

Announcements

Clarke Stroud took the floor to address the Graduate Student Senate. Followed by a brief Q&A section.

Presentation about OU Libraries and their services for graduate students by Debra Engel, Associate Dean of Libraries for Public Services

Presentation by Dr. T. H. Lee Williams Dean of the Graduate College and Vice-President for Research

Next Meeting October 5th, 2008

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Sen. Legere, seconded by Sen. Goudeau. No objections

Meeting adjourned