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Final Vote on Proposed Bylaws

- **Final vote**



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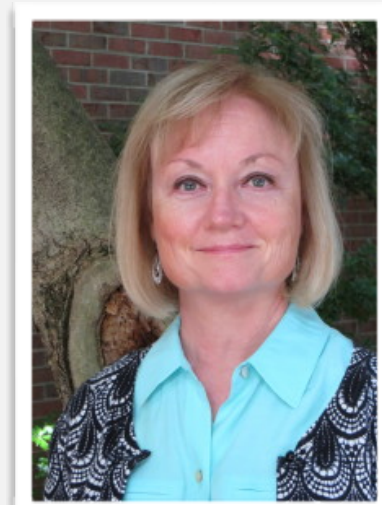
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Dr. Bonnie Ownley
Faculty Senate President

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Access the 2017 election rules and procedures here:
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Minutes of the January meeting are available on the GSS website: <https://gss.utk.edu/meetings/>

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President's Report | **Shalini Yerukala**

- Campus Climate Survey
- Immigration Ban
- Campus Carry
- Election Commission
- Academic Policy
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- Chancellor's Roundtable
- Chancellor Cheek Appreciation



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Vice President's Report | Tam'ra-Kay Francis

- Election Packet
- Articles of Cooperation
- Immigration Ban



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Committee Report | **At Large**

- Plans for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting are underway.
 - **March 22, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm, in HBB 301**
- Suggestions for speakers and topics are welcome.
 - Contact committee chair Zach McFarlane via email at zmcfarla@vols.utk.edu



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Committee Report | Communications & Outreach

- TBD
 - Contact committee chair Cara Sulyok via email at csulyok@vols.utk.edu



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Committee Report | Equity & Diversity

- TBD
 - Contact committee chair Ashton Cooper via email at acoope37@vols.utk.edu



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Committee Report | Fundraising

- TBD
 - Contact committee chair Mostafa Varzenah via email at mghafoor@vols.utk.edu



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Committee Report | Strategic Planning

- No update
 - Contact committee chair Chris Acuff via email at cacuff@vols.utk.edu



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Committee Report | **Travel Awards**

- Please be aware of the committee's upcoming deadlines for Summer travel (i.e. May 1 – August 31, 2017):
 - **College EHHS and A&S: April 10, 2017**
 - **All other colleges: April 17, 2017**
- Travel Award Workshop is coming up! Any student can attend on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017 starting at 6pm in HBB 301** and learn about the process (how to prepare an application, how awards are decided, etc.)
 - Questions? Contact committee chair Kelly Rooker via email at gsstravel@utk.edu



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Confirmation of Appointed Secretary

The Secretary shall be appointed by the president and confirmed by the GSS, and shall have the power and duties:

- A. To keep a record of all proceedings of the GSS.
- B. To maintain a record book in which the SGA Constitution, GSS Bylaws, and any special rules of order, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to those documents properly recorded, and to have the current book on hand at every meeting. To serve as the President's proxy on the SGA Executive committee.
- C. To make the minutes and records available to GSS members and officers upon request.
- D. To maintain an accurate listing of officers, representatives, and representatives to external bodies.
- E. In the absence of the president and vice-president, to call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a Senate Chairperson is conducted, which should take place immediately.
- F. To provide a copy of these Bylaws to all newly elected representatives and officers and upon request by any member of any graduate department, school or college.
- G. To serve as a member of the steering committee.



Erin Rowland



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Teaching Department Graduate Student

A graduate student from the teaching department has requested to speak with the GSS senators.



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Survey Results | Top 5 Goals | Goal Strategy

All senators were asked to weigh in on the synthesized results of the GSS survey by indicating their choices for the top five goals to work toward this semester. The following are the Top 5 Goals:

1. Student Fees and Stipends
2. Campus Carry
3. Healthcare
4. TA Training and Teaching Benefits
5. Diversity, Leave of Absence, Maternity Policy (tied with equal votes)

Senate discussion to make action plans for achieving these goals this semester and beyond.



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Graduate Student Senate Spring 2017 Calendar				
Chancellor's Roundtable	February 27	Monday	11:45-1pm	Thompson Boling Arena
GSS Meeting	March 2	Thursday	5:30-7:30pm	HBB 301
Town Hall Event	March 22	Wednesday	5:30-7:30pm	HBB 301
Travel Awards Workshop	March 28	Tuesday	6-7pm	HBB 301
GSS Elections	April 5-7	Wed - Fri		
GSS Meeting	April 10	Monday	5:30-7:30pm	HBB 202

