CALL TO ORDER

ROLL

Senators absent
- Danielle Sanok
- Tiffany Saul – Sent Proxy, Michele Hammond
- Robert Truka
- Jonathan Lindsay
- Dustin Mills
- Rachel Fovargue – Sent Proxy, Christine Dumoulin
- Robert Pivar
- Robert Rennie
- Brian Rider – Sent Proxy, Jackson Martin
- Kendall Cannon
- Julie Swafford
- Jennie Byrd Haney
- Chris Wilson – Sent Proxy, Andrew Smith
- Hopelyn Clift
- Timothy Estabrooks
- Shannon Rosedale
- Erik Johnson
- Melissa Martin – Sent Proxy, Beau Whitsett
- Ivonne Ramirez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Approve Minutes from 11/6 → Minutes Approved
- Updates
  - SGA will vote on a new student representative to the Board of Trustees tomorrow.
  - Listserv settings will be altered to accommodate gmail users.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Updates
  - Please check your representative information listed on the website to make sure that it is accurate.
  - Provide $1 to Jeremy if you take some of the snacks.

INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Chair of Equity & Diversity Committee
  - There has been some discussion of whether there should be an ombudsman (or ombudsperson) for graduate students.
  - The committee is in the process of gathering information from bias.utk.edu to see what instances of bias are occurring and what information might be done about it.
- Chair of Communications & Outreach Committee
  - Orientation materials for new senators have been drafted but still need to be revised a bit.
  - The committee wants to add a video providing a brief encapsulation of the GSS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

➢ Chair of the Travel Awards Committee
  ▪ The next Travel Awards Committee meeting will take place in January. At that time, awards
    for the spring semester will be made.
  ▪ Deadline for the spring semester travel awards applications: December 15th for the College
    of Arts & Sciences; December 29th for all other colleges

➢ Chair of the Fun Run Committee
  ▪ The Fun Run has started to attract some sponsors; it has actually proven easier to attract
    sponsors for the event than for Hodge’s Library because McClung Museum is open to the
    general public.
  ▪ An initial T-Shirt design has been created.
  ▪ The Fun Run will take place on March 7th.

❖ EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
  ➢ Research Council
    ▪ Meetings frequently fail to meet quorum, hindering the ability to actually approve meeting
      minutes and accomplish basic tasks.
    ▪ One topic of discussion was the opportunities to engage in research and obtain graduate
      fellowships in industry.
  ➢ Graduate Council
    ▪ Based on a recent vote, the development of experiential learning is now a significant
      objective.
    ▪ There will be fellowship opportunities for graduate students who want to conduct research or
      teach courses related to experiential learning.
  ➢ Academic Council
    ▪ Approved animal science and food science 5-year dual program
  ➢ Graduate Curriculum
    ▪ A UTSI course was cut, but notably, there is no clear UTSI representation on this committee.

❖ NEW BUSINESS
  ➢ Residency Policy Changes
    ▪ One senator proposed adding an appendix to explain what a “fair recalculation” of the out-of-state
      tuition rate would be.
    ▪ The bill was overwhelmingly approved and will be put forward to the faculty senate.
    ▪ Email suggestions for changes in the draft of the policy change to
      gssdiversityutk@gmail.com
  ➢ Call for topics ➔ no new topics were put forward

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS
  ➢ Upcoming events are listed below; meetings for next semester will likely take place in Claxton
    206.
  ➢ Remember to RSVP for GSS events even if you cannot attend: failure to RSVP creates an
    impression that we do not care about these events.

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❖ COMMITTEE BREAKOUT
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**Other Events**

- Chancellor’s Spring Luncheon – Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 11:45am (location TBD)
- “Ice Cream” Social – TBD
- Big Orange Adventure – Saturday, March 7 (locations and time TBD)
- Town Hall Meeting – TBD