



**Official Undergraduate Student Government  
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350

October 31th, 2017

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- I. Call to order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
  - A. Senator Lee moves to approve the minutes
  - B. Senator Smith seconds
- III. Approval of the agenda
  - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the agenda
  - B. Senator Hall seconds
  - C. Voting
    - 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (9-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
  - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
  - A. Senator Ackerman moves to take a 5-minute recess
  - B. Senator Antounian seconds
  - C. Voting
    - 1. Motion fails to pass unanimously (0-9-0)
  - D. Austin Dunn, President
    - 1. Updates
      - a) Things that have passed
        - (1) Active Shooter Training -- we have the video protocol built out about 80%. There is one thing that I wanted to mention. There are two SWAT members on campus within 3 minutes, 10 SWAT members at Fertitta within 10 minutes of the call.
        - (2) ID Card -- 401, DPS Emergency, and Crisis calling. Those numbers should be good to go. Dean Soni is just waiting on Sarah Van Norman.
        - (3) Emergency Preparedness Kit -- Dean Soni and his team found that does
        - (4) Trojan Alerts -- previously, you needed to opt into Trojan Alerts. Everyone opts into it and you can opt out of it. Emergency protocol will -- run hide fight, block the door, wait for the Trojan emergency protocol to tell you. It's just hard to follow through with that if no one is receiving those alerts.
      - b) Read Articles, Stay Updated
    - 2. 65% of Morgan and I's platform is completed. This includes blue books, the student bereavement policy, the Talks of Troy series (not starting tomorrow), and the Syllabus Bank.
      - a) Senator Lee -- extends time by 2 minutes
      - b) This also includes Tuition Transparency, where we have found an avenue to increase transparency line-by-line.

3. Personal -- I'm sitting on a Greek Task Force, I sit on the Provost's Taskforce on Diversity & Inclusion, work in collaboration with other Student Body Presidents, and am starting up planning for next year, looking at elections and next year's planning.

E. Donielle Bunyard, Treasurer

1. Here are some more passionate dreams we have fueled as of today
2. Budget breakdown -- more has been allocated and more is being allocated day-by-day -- the whole funding team has spent about 32% of our budget
3. The groups with an asterisk next to their name have been funded
  - a) Concerts -- sponsor brings in revenue, they do have some additional funding there
  - b) USG Admin has allocated 62% because we have been pulling more from USG Admin and not from Exec/Leg. There's an asterisk there because that includes the Conquest Budget that Student Affairs is using for Conquest.
  - c) We had our Funding Workshop this month, 55 organizations attended. We'll have another maybe next semester once new organizations are approved or re-approved.
  - d) Each team created a plan to engage delegates.
  - e) Student Funding Fee Control Board -- there will be one person from Leg -- myself, Senior Director of Programming, Senator, Judicial Council member.
4. Melanie -- I am increasing responsible use of SPF and working on outreach.

VI. Presentations

A. Preston Fregia, Senator

1. I'm majoring in political science and business law.
2. Some of the initiatives I've been working on are the Zero Emissions Bus Fleet Resolution, LAX Bus Shuttle Resolution, etc.
3. Senate Aide -- Manda
  - a) He's a sophomore business administration and PPL major.

B. Joey Hall, Senator

1. I'm a senior studying electrical engineering with a minor in management consulting, and am from Monterrey, CA.
2. Initially, my first project was on improving the spring admit experience. I've broken it down now into a few different parts.
3. Senate Aide -- Neal
  - a) He's a freshman studying business administration and cinematic arts. He's been working with me on a few of these projects.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. Zero Emissions Bus Fleet Resolution

1. Senator Matheson moves to approve resolution
2. Senator Ackerman seconds

3. Voting
  - a) Resolution passes unanimously (9-0-0)

B. Referendum

1. Senator Antounian moves to approve
2. Senator Lee seconds
3. Voting
  - a) Passes unanimously (9-0-0)

VIII. New Business

A. 2018 Elections Guide, Emily Lee

1. I want to talk a bit about process and how we got here. This is actually my third draft of the code. I have corresponded with over 30 individuals to find the best way to proceed with our Elections, given the feedback. The wellness of candidates and fairness and transparency are the main priorities in changing anything. I have codified resources and ability to reach the Elections team.
2. We've also moved the Elections Intent to Run Form one week earlier, but it also has less requirements than in the past. We've also added supplementary brackets, with supporting materials, campaign period (specifically physical campaigning), and specifically designated campaign manager. This is to alleviate some confusion.
3. The Commission has been extended somewhat in the sense that we don't think it's necessarily right for the people governing the Elections to be involved with regulating and auditing. We have thus appointed someone to serve as Lead Auditor. This individual examines both campaigns equally. It's mostly for things that have been agreed upon, such as campaign finance for example.
4. Eligibility -- 12.00 units, but students can vote. This is the same as prior.
5. Also shared to Senators are a list of the dates that are important to know.
6. Another noteworthy thing is that the overall process has been extended by two weeks because the intent to run is one week earlier and the voting is pushed back by one week.
7. The first correspondence will be that their application was approved.
8. Previously, we've had this listed but it's never been implemented. My team will be writing a comprehensive running guide, including candidate spending limits, common violations, leveling the playing field, etc.
9. Another interesting thing is we've taken the onus away from candidates who have violated. If there's an extraneous fan who has been saying awful things, that individual's actions do not affect the candidate's status. If there's a repeat strike, they are no longer allowed to be affiliated with that campaign. If there's no benefit to any campaign, there will be consequences. This is not to say we will be censoring.

10. We do not permit abusive behavior or language, no derogatory language, we still retain that you cannot post these materials anywhere other than Trousdale Pkwy in the grass, still cannot campaign in University housing.
11. We will fine \$5 from the overall reimbursement for each sign left on Trousdale.
12. There will be a series of meetings and open office hours for people involved with the elections process.
13. This is to alleviate the tension present.
14. It is inappropriate and unnecessarily stressful for candidates to be in oppositional situations in their first interactions.
15. They will join my team for a discussion on an Election season.
16. Ballot Counting
17. You can still vote if you're in a PDP or studying abroad.
18. You're allowed to abstain from a vote. If you do not know much, you don't have to vote for them as well. It is equally valid to not vote.
19. Voting will be available via physical ballots. We have extended voting to 4 days rather than 3 days, to combat the relatively low voter turnout in the past.
20. Campaign Finance -- we emphasize that when you turn in your Intent to Run, you're not obligated to purchase everything there. All subsequent purchases are to be approved by team.
21. The totals remain the same -- in the past and in the present, we say that President and Vice President includes shipping and handling and others don't. There's up to \$30 for shipping and handling expenses that exceed the designated.
22. There was this confusing line at IX.(j). -- all expenses will be provided by USG because we want it to be accessible to all. If we don't have enough, we will scale that out in the same ratio as before.
23. Endorsement of candidates -- all USG members can endorse, mostly still the case. We have removed the ability of the President and VP to endorse.
24. We have also clarified that members of USG cannot actively participate in an individual's campaign.
25. Violation of Sanctions -- we want to make sure that the violation is in line with the sanction. There are different types of sanctions. A lot of that will happen digitally.
26. We will also be providing the full determining criteria and guidelines and procedures of what happens in an election's hearing. We believe candidates should be informed. This may be a determining factor in one's intent and considerations.
27. We've also changed the filing period from 24 to 36 hours. It can be hard to keep tabs on competition. We are streamlining many processes.
28. We've just added the domain.

29. Write-In Candidates -- pushed the date back in that it was first day of spring semester.
30. There were a couple weird lines in there that I don't think should be in there.
31. Our official results will be released in Week 7, not in Week 6 as before.
32. Discussion
  - a) Senator Matheson -- Could we be provided with a document of the changes?
  - b) Emily -- Yes. We are working on the overarching ideas. I am also available all of Friday for meetings with the general public or interested parties that would like to meet. I've also made myself available to all Presidential-VP tickets for feedback.
  - c) Senator Bolton -- They're not mandatory for the whole team.
  - d) Emily -- Maybe you can network. It's just Elections 101 and not candidate-specific. We'll go into the specifics.
  - e) Senator Antounian -- Can you elaborate on what Election Auditor is?
  - f) Emily -- This came out of lots of discussions. Rather than having an extended team, at Berkeley, they have a team of 19 with an auditor. They have various positions. We've required the elections auditor. It would be helpful to have them looped in from the beginning.

IX. Announcements

- A. None

X. Discussion

- A. None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Smith seconds
- C. VP Monahan adjourns the meeting at 7:43 PM