



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350
November 11th, 2017

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- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM[
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
 - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the minutes
 - B. Senator Lee seconds
 - C. The minutes approved as read
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Andrews moves to approve the agenda
 - B. Senator Hall seconds
 - C. Voting
 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (12-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. Luke Southwell-Chan, Chief of Staff
 1. Org Updates
 - a) I'm working with VP on Org Wide, sending out weekly emails, development for staff.
 2. Advo Updates
 - a) Directors have been working on a number of projects, from mentorship program, to 1-unit course, student safety initiatives, etc.
 - b) First-year has been working on a number of things. Our delegates have also been supporting them a lot. One of the delegates is working with Philine to address food insecurity and food waste on campus. One of them has been working with Mai. If you have any questions, reach out to the directors.
 - B. Tyler Matheson, Speaker Pro Tempore
 1. Current Status
 - a) We currently have 19 active projects spread across Senate, Advocacy, and Senate Aides -- there's been consolidation of projects in a little way.
 - b) Some cool projects being worked on by the Legislative body include spring admit, first year wellness, kosher dining halls, incidental coverage, and USC printing.
 2. What Am I Working On?
 - a) Looking towards the future to what this Senate program is going to look like, it means: giving Aides more opportunities, working with the Legislative team to create more value, and performance appraisal and how to measure and improve productivity.
 - b) I'm also working on a first year wellness class, on the USCard for Spring Admits, and have been speaking with Exec members on a Recognition program for star performers within the organization.

3. Attention Areas

- a) Airport Transportation -- this program is underutilized and holds several interesting possibilities including the Lyft program and restructuring shuttles.
- b) Course books -- this is “an environmental travesty” (financial incentive with less overhead costs)

VI. Presentations

A. Katie Han, Senator

- 1. I’m a senior majoring in biological sciences, am pre-med, and am from Memphis, TN.
- 2. Current projects are Engemann weekend hours, the Metro U-Pass cards, and smoke-free app partnership.
- 3. My Senate Aide is Ivan, who is majoring in Architecture and is from Hong Kong.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. 2018 Elections Code

- 1. Senator Matheson moves to approve the Election Code
- 2. Senator Hall seconds
- 3. Debate
 - a) Senator Matheson -- are there any changes you’d like to go over?
 - b) Director Lee -- You’ve all been instrumental in creating it. I believe it’ll set the groundwork for fair elections. There is the inclusion of an Ethics commission. Additionally, we do require that these same parties disclose information that they may have received. If they accidentally disclose information, that information will become available to all other candidates. If you have a secret meeting and they realize that, they then disclose that information to the Elections and Recruitment team who shares it with the rest of the candidates. There are a number of different penalties that can happen.
 - c) I’ve broken it down by topic. It’s divided up by things like candidacy and campaigning, so you can peruse through these. There’s another for key dates and timeline. You can also see all the different terminology for sanctions, violations, strike, sanctions, and we lay this out in our definitions section.
 - d) Eligibility remains the same -- but we do require that if someone has a conflicting appointment. Other teams that may be involved might be pushed to suspend their involvement until the election process has finished.
 - e) We put in what it is, what it entails, and we have a lot of jargon so we just defined all of it. We’re just putting everything into one place.

- f) Elections Committee cannot endorse anyone. For the elections auditor, I just included specifying who and how they're appointed. No one branch has the final say.
- g) We couldn't regulate a lot of it. We wanted to make sure that information is known, they are bound to confidentiality. IF they do, they are bound to confidentiality. Eligibility is the same as before.
- h) Declaration of candidacy is also the same as before.
- i) Write-in candidates now have significantly longer (Friday before voting) to declare their candidacy -- this leaves sufficient time for debates, campaigning, etc. to have passed. We find that appropriate. We think it's fair for it be so late and not a circumventing of the regular process, because these previous activities are helpful for electability.
 - (1) Senator Matheson -- can you go over the two changes you had talked about?
- j) Before, there was this thing that no one really adhered to (the silent period) between submitting application and confirmation of candidacy. Previously, you could also only correspond with your running mate. We believed that it was arbitrary for this to happen.
- k) In regards to disciplinary action against third-party candidates, what should we do for those that violate code? If someone is using verbally harassing words, these aren't necessarily within our domain so we haven't included parameters for disciplining third-party candidates. But for volunteers, their actions may not result in a strike for their candidate or campaign.

4. Voting

- a) Elections Code passes unanimously (12-0-0)

VIII. New Business

- A. None

IX. Announcements

- A. None

X. Discussion

- A. None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Smith moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Antounian seconds
- C. VP Monahan adjourns the meeting at 7:22 PM