



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350
November 14th, 2017

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Jacquelyne Tan
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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 Hall seconds
 - C. Minutes approved as read
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the agenda
 - B. Senator Ackerman seconds
 - C. Voting
 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (10-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. Morgan Monahan, Vice President
 1. This is my November update.
 2. A+M Updates
 - a) Over half of our platform is complete, we have 20+ projects in the hands of VP, Provost, or President.
 - b) We've had a ton of response events to world events.
 - c) Austin and I met with Auxiliary Services yesterday to see if there's a workaround the space issue to potentially find storage space.
 - d) We're trying to figure out student bereavement excuse.
 - e) We're trying to create more transparency about student activity fee.
 - f) We'll have five locations where students can get free blue books.
 - g) "Swipes", formerly known as Swipes for Homeless, will be used to help food insecure and homeless students on campus.
 - h) We've had two resolutions come out of Senate, including the Sustainable Bus Fleet. The numbers they gave us for diesel buses was that one bus was \$4,000 per year and the deal that they have with the Mayor's office is that it's \$1.1M for the bus system so they said it's not going to be feasible financially for the near future.
 - i) Dining Hall Carryout -- by no means is this dead, but something to consider is that it directly counteracts the whole residential college environment. That might be an obstacle to watch out for the future.
 3. VP Updates
 - a) Meeting Haver -- I have been having 1-1's, and working on administrative work.
 - b) Culture Carrier -- have been responsible for devos and study nights.

- c) Personal Projects -- primarily regarding accountability and internal focus.
 - 4. Moving Forward
 - a) Lunch with Leaders
 - (1) Monday, November 20th -- anyone can come and chat with us about student safety.
 - (2) We have our first elections/organizational structure information session tonight.
 - (3) Conquest is on Thursday.
 - 5. Questions
 - a) Senator Ackerman: What is the current process for student bereavement?
 - b) VP Monahan: You just tell your advisor, there's no real process. It's mostly up to the discretion of the professor.
- B. Sarah Y. Kim, Senior Director of Programing
 - 1. Change in Directors
 - a) Incoming: Claire for ESA
 - 2. ACA -- just wrapped up Mental Health Awareness Month
 - 3. APASA -- just had Night Market
 - 4. BSA -- Black Family Dinner → great turnout and pre-booked everything before the event was going to happen
 - 5. ESA -- had many events, planning to have another Planting + Composting event next week, had event with Environmental Law/Nonprofit Connection, VegFest went very well
 - 6. ISA -- Food trucks - inFusion, iVoice auditions at Bovard, had Social Night with DPS
 - 7. LSA -- Held mixer, event with SAGE
 - 8. PSA -- Had joint event with Speakers
 - 9. QuASA -- Has run a lot of co-events with other committees. This Wednesday is the signature event: the Drag show.
 - 10. SSA -- Service Festival on the 5th, want to make this into signature event
 - 11. SAGE -- Finishing up Body Love month
 - 12. Concerts -- Conquest is this Thursday
 - 13. PAC -- picking up a lot of events, had a lot of idea incubators, and had Cirque that a lot of people came out to
 - 14. Speakers -- Had the joint event with Jessica Williams, will be having a lot more in the spring
 - 15. SEC -- Fantastic Fandoms which is similar to Nerd Day
 - 16. Trojan Pride -- Consistent events for each game
 - 17. Personal Updates -- NACA with three students in attendance, looking at student programs like Prime, finalizing spring branch meetings
- C. Ivana Giang & Cindy Pineda, Co-Chief Diversity Officers
 - 1. Diversity and Inclusion Council

- a) We act as Councilmembers, we've had three meetings so far to talk about five-year plans with regards to diversity and inclusion. The last two have been more labs held for those developing the strategic plan.
- b) We also, in conjunction with GSG, rented out the University Church Space as a space available as an intercultural community space that will make programming and meetings more accessible to students -- now open and reservable.
- c) Today we had the opportunity to go into branch meetings to have a refresher on inclusive language and word choice.

2. Projects

- a) Spent most of our time on projects
- b) Spaces Committee -- prioritizes amenities in ideal cultural space and worked with Provost quick
- c) Town Hall: Cultural Spaces -- occurred this past Friday
 - (1) Provided open forum for students to share their inputs regarding existing space on campus
 - (2) We held it in the former Dean's List space
- d) USG comment Box: Cultural Spaces -- keeping it open-ended so that we can continue hearing student input about cultural spaces on campus
- e) Tabling on Trousdale -- working on one-unit course on advocacy
 - (1) Advocacy delegates tabling on Trousdale to collect student input
 - (2) We'll be taking that into consideration when building this course
- f) Attending Assembly Meetings
 - (1) Senate Ackerman and we have been attending these meetings to keep getting student input

3. Questions

- a) Senator Fregia: I emailed you about the Black House and haven't gotten a response. Is there any progress with that? I know it was a resolution that was passed. A lot of people in my community are upset about that.
- b) Ivana: The Spaces Committee serves as a space for discussion and it's been a way to discuss what's an ideal cultural space. There has already been discussions about the need for expanding these spaces.
- c) President Dunn: I would first of all like to point out that they are not the end all be all to talk about this. Rosalyn is another good person. I dove into this resolution a year and a half ago. To my understanding, the need was not equivalent to some of the others. We were then moving into conversations about the space. If there

are members who are upset about this, they should be talking Rosalyn.

- d) Senator Fregia: I got the original email saying that it was done, but at least with communications, it was confusing about where to reach out to. We talked to Rosalyn and are still starting to get a better response about that. A lot of this was in limbo and we weren't getting responses.
- e) President Dunn: Every single person desiring a space has a passion for that and we are not in a place to choose what's more important than the rest. I just know that Rosalyn is the point of contact. I don't remember which one it was but that's the best information I have about that.
- f) Ivana: There was a location found but there was no steady revenue to pay for that. They hadn't found out how to pay for it, but it was not going to be consistent. I spoke to Rosalyn and that's where the current discussion is at. The running spaces were all pt on hold and given to the spaces committee.
- g) Senator Fregia: Can you consolidate that information and send it over to me for my references?
- h) Ivana and Cindy: Yes.

VI. Presentations

- A. None

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

- A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Hiring of new First-Year Advocacy Director, Luke Southwell-Chan

- 1. As part my role, I overlook the Advocacy Branch. This Director had to leave due to time problems. We looked internally, giving the opportunity for anyone in the organization to apply. In total, we had four candidates and they all have gone through the advocacy delegate program, so we thought they were all highly qualified. We ended up hiring Shany Ebadi, a political science and international relations major, who brought a lot of good ideas to push forward Jack's ideas. The committee decided unanimously on her.

IX. Announcements

- A. Juliana Hrovat: If anyone is interested in being an RA, please talk to me.
- B. Senator Ackerman: Just wanted to reiterate, all of the research on cultural competency will be seen.
- C. VP Monahan: Emily Lee is running workshops about elections, and the first one is today. All apps are due the last day of class. Austin and I are both resources for this. I can't believe it's already been a year.

X. Discussion

- A. President Dunn: In regards to Morgan's presentation, it was done perfectly the way that you all did that. They don't have to end, though we hit these roadblocks. Major props for getting all of those passed.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Hall seconds
- C. VP Monahan adjourns the meeting at 7:28 PM