



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 p.m., TCC 350
September 5th, 2017

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- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
 - A. Secretary Dasari read the minutes
 - 1. Senator Ackerman moves to approve the minutes
 - 2. Senator Andrews seconds
 - 3. Voting
 - a) Minutes are approved as read (12-0-0)
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Antounian moves to amend the agenda to move USCard Phone number to new business
 - B. Senator Hall seconds
 - C. Voting
 - 1. Passes unanimously (11-0-0)
 - D. Senator Antounian moves to amend the agenda to move USCard Phone number to new business
 - E. Senator Lee seconds
 - F. Voting
 - 1. Passes unanimously (11-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. None
- VI. Presentations
 - A. Austin Dunn, President
 - 1. “Just as a brief overview, I’ll give these on things I’m working on personally. We’ll talk about all 14, I tried to categorize them as well as I can. We have condoms and menstrual products in the restrooms, blue books in the classrooms to be handed out in class, and working on free printing with Natalie. We’re figuring out how that’s going to go. Active shooter training I passed last year. I know the training is a little aggressive and considering popping it into one of our USG org-wide meetings. I have a meeting with Marina and Sammy next week to discuss prevention training. USG is forming a space committee to figure out this discussion of space on campus. Greek is two-fold right now, working with relations on campus as well as speed bumps on the Row. DACA, you’ll hear me talk about a little bit later. I think I have found a way that USG can respond in a tangible way. I will meet with everyone. I’m in a group with about

250 other presidents and we're in the process of writing one about DACA. We cannot discuss specific policies. Exec check-ins is something I haven't gotten to yet. Passing off the mic because I don't like how I've been dominating Senate so far. Moving forward, I've been working on the idea of pronouns on myUSC. A couple students have this and this would help people understand why there is a need for pronouns. Senator collaboration just means that I'm collaborating with all of you. I'm meeting with the Board of Trustees and I'll keep you updated on how all of that goes. Tangible and timely impact is probably what I'm most passionate about, how to be responsive."

B. Luke Southwell-Chan, Chief of Staff

1. "As you all might know, my job is two-fold. For the org as a whole, we had our fall retreat, we had our campus partners dinner, having our org-wide meetings, having weekly internal events. With Advo, there is farmer's market, free menstrual care products, sexual assault. First year is doing things with USCard, orientations, accessible gym equipment."

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. Chief Justice Appointment

1. Senator Ackerman moves to approve
2. Senator Andrews seconds
3. Voting
 - a) Passes unanimously (11-0-0)

VIII. New Business

A. DACA Emergency Fund

1. President Dunn: "So for those of who aren't aware, proposals are different from resolutions. I worked on it with Vanessa, the Associate Dean of Religious Life, recently appointed for undocumented and immigrant students...The reason this is timely is because they are on a time crunch, they have right around 2 weeks."
2. Senator Fregia: "With this emergency fund, will it affect financial aid at all? Is there any way that a person needs more money than \$10,000?"
3. President Dunn: "No. And funding has not been the easiest thing. I did some research as to what we could do internally. If we cut 1% out of every line of our budget, it would be \$18,000. I'm hoping to get this approved today, so that students can get this approved

today. GSG does it by case-by-case basis. We're looking for real-time impact."

4. Senator Andrews: "Will this be available for student's families?"
5. President Dunn: "Just students. I think we have some recent developments that affect how many people use them as a funding source."
6. Senator Bolton: "If it runs out, are there other options?"
7. President Dunn: "20 was what Dean Soni anticipated. I'm confident we'll meet whatever need."
8. Treasurer Bunyard: "Let's say we put in 10K. Can grad students also utilize that pot?"
9. President Dunn: "I hope this doesn't sound shallow. The 10K is strictly for undergrads. I think he will try to find similar responses."
10. Senator Fregia: "If there was any way we could promote this on our own social media, is there some option there?"
11. President Dunn: "Yeah, definitely. Vanessa was also mentioned in emails. Any student affected by these circumstances is very much in touch with her. But publicizing it more will help."
12. Senator Fregia: "It should be easily shared."
13. President Dunn: "Given the time sensitivity, I would love to vote on this today."
14. Senator Lee: "I motion to suspend Robert's Rules."
 - a) Senator Antounian seconds
15. Senator Matheson: "I think due to the time sensitivity of this item, this is an appropriate item that we consider suspending Robert's Rules."
16. Voting
 - a) Passes unanimously (11-0-0)
17. Debate
 - a) Senator Matheson: "Point of parliamentary inquiry, can I make an amendment to a proposal?"
 - b) President Dunn: "Yeah."
 - c) Senator Matheson: "I would like to add a provision stating that if the fund runs out, an additional maximum \$2,000 can be allocated from the Provost Diversity Fund. If this money is not used, it is IR'd back to the Provost by October 5th. This amendment is now open for debate."
18. President Dunn: "I will absolutely adhere to these requests."
19. Debate

- a) Senator Bolton: “Can I operate on the assumption that the 25th student will not be left out to dry?”
- b) President Dunn: “I will make it my mission.”
- c) Voting

(1) Passes unanimously (11-0-0)

B. USCard Phone Numbers

1. President Dunn: “On October 11, 2016, Senator Matheson proposed to amend the numbers of the back of the card...My proposal includes suggestions for two numbers, including the DPS Emergency and the 411, because the 411 is inclusive of all other numbers.”

2. Debate

- a) Senator Ackerman: “Why don’t you want to put the crisis intervention in there?”
- b) President Dunn: “The 15-20 seconds that the 411 number will add will not inhibit the caller.”
- c) Senator Smith: “Will it have a description?”
- d) President Dunn: “Yes. It will have to be brief.”
- e) Senator Bradshaw: “Do you feel that students would be comfortable calling a 411 and not defaulting to Emergency in a time of crisis?”
- f) President Dunn: “Personal opinion, but I think someone in that severe of thinking would call an emergency line, but I could be mistaken. I think the 411 number is the most important and I worry about it not being used without a description.”
- g) Senator Smith: “Are you encouraging people with a crisis to be calling the Emergency number?”
- h) President Dunn: “I was envisioning a first-response line and a non-first-line response line?”
- i) Guest: “The Emergency line put me on hold for 10 minutes.”
- j) President Dunn: “It would be really hard for me to speak to that, on a case-by-case basis. This is the first time I’ve heard of something like that. I’ve used it four times personally and never been put on hold, but that’s not to invalidate your experience. I have spoken to a few people who receive calls and we can discuss so that real emergencies are handled properly.”
- k) Guest (Emily Lee): “Do you foresee people being able to pick

the numbers?”

- l) President Dunn: “Definitely not hang up and dial again. It would give a prompt and would be automated.”
- m) Guest (Emily Lee): “If we go the automated route, would ”
- n) President Dunn: “That’s not something I’ve thought . Dean Soni will be a great resource.”
- o) Senator Smith: “When will this line be created?”
- p) President Dunn: “As soon as possible. We were just waiting to figure out the options. Sooner rather than later.”

IX. Announcements

A. None

X. Discussion

A. None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Ackerman seconds
- C. Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM