



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350

September 12, 2017

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
 - A. Senator Smith moves to approve the minutes
 - B. Senator Ackerman seconds
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Lee moves to approve the agenda
 - B. Senator Andrews seconds
 - C. Voting
 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (11-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. None
- VI. Presentations
 - A. Sarah Y. Kim, Senior Director of Programming
 1. Sarah: "I'm basically going to go over all the assemblies. A lot of them had. The SSA Director and SEC AD stepped down, and there are new people who have taken over the meetings. Regarding the Academic Culture Assembly, they have not had any events thus far, and are taking in UnderSCore, an a cappella group on campus. APASA had their welcome back picnic in Alumni Park. BSA had a solidarity rally at Tommy Trojan. ESA has a member organization involvement fair. This is the first time they have implemented it. ISA had a Welcome Bank Carnival, intern applications, and many interested freshmen. They now have mentors and interns. LSA had a Welcome Bank Carne Asada at Founder's Park. They also had a rally because of DACA. PSA has a new meeting setup that will have more one-on-ones. QuASA has a new logo. SSA has not had an event yet but will have one in two months. SAGE had an event, Concerts Committee had the welcome back concert. PAC has intern applications out. Speakers Committee reached out for co-sponsorships. SEC had a

Welcome Back Comedy Show, Trojan Pride had a logo change, and personal goals include: the PB Manual.”

2. Senator Ackerman yields floor to Sarah Kim to extend time.
3. Sarah: “I’m trying to have 1 on 1’s with Directors, working on Constitutions, and integration with Communications.”

B. Tyler Matheson, Speaker Pro Tempore

1. Tyler: “I will be talking about the strategic vision both short and long-term, the projects ongoing, and what I’m doing and two Senators are doing. This is the first time Senate has had someone on an executive position. In the short term, I want to increase accountability, information sharing, and productivity. I want to push the constituency model, not only by emphasizing communications but in other ways, too. I want to revamp the Senate aide and leave a good structure for the next Speaker Pro Tempore. I have and have had Senators working on cultural competency, spring admit experience, drip irrigation (met its end), alcohol education, and crisis intervention. Personally, I’m working on this managerial role to optimize it, working on projects like sexual assault, date rape drug panel, and integrating the haven into Student Affairs. I want to highlight two projects that are almost completed. Senator Andrews has been working on the CALM meditation app (\$2.6M of value). Senator Antounian and I have been working on centralized free printing on USCard (conversation on Tuesday to make sure this happens).”
2. Guest: “Is there free laundry in the pipeline?”
3. Senator Matheson: “No, I have not heard of that.”
4. Senator Ackerman: “Where did you find these pictures of us?”
5. Senator Matheson: “Facebook.”

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. USC Card - Phone Numbers

1. Senator Matheson moves to approve the USC Card Phone Numbers
2. Senator Lee seconds
3. Senator Matheson moves to amend the USCard Proposal
4. Senator Ackerman seconds
5. Discussion:
 - a) Senator Matheson: “This resolution was used to draw attention to mental illness on campus. I want to touch on some data. The Center for Collegiate Mental Health has data on this. The crisis intervention line is important because, while DPS is for immediate threats, the crisis intervention line is for something like psychosis, panic attacks, etc. As Austin told us, it’ll probably be a machine. According to the CCMH report, risk has increased in college students, true of students making use of the counseling center. The average counseling usage rate has gone up and there has been a push for rapid access. The need for this is expanding and is

something that different schools are already moving towards. We need to capitalize on this. I also wanted to show some statistics about mental health in college institutions -- four of the five increasing trends are covered by the crisis intervention line. We are currently tied for 21st in the country and our data would be even higher. We should be able to provide our students.

Additionally, these statistics back the mental health issues covered by the crisis prevention hotline. There are at least 300 students who can be directly be helped by this. This explanation was to hopefully to inspire others about this.”

- b) Senator Silver: “I was originally leaning towards two because I liked the idea of descriptions. If you’re in a crisis considering self-harm, it having an automated voice would detract from that. It is important to have something that goes straight to a human.”
- c) Senator Smith: “So has it been confirmed that it would be a human?”
- d) Senator Matheson: “No one knows.”
- e) President Dunn: “411 can be whatever you want it to be. Both of these things are not created so we could choose out of options.”
- f) Senator Ackerman: “The crisis intervention hotline would be 24 hours.”
- g) President Dunn: “I would love to say yes, but it’s not in my power to make that claim. If we were told no to 24 hours, we could discuss that.”
- h) Senator Matheson: “To provide context, there is currently a 24-hour resource in the counseling center.”
- i) Senator Smith: “Knowing if the 411 would be automated vs a human would make it easier for us to decide. That’s just something we need to know before we go. If we could have dialogue, I’d be more inclined for two because we don’t know what USC 411 means. If it wasn’t an automated number, I’d go for two.”
- j) President Dunn: “I anticipate what our demands are will happen. But I agree.”
- k) Senator Silver: “The sense that I get about USC 411 is that it is a general one. I wouldn’t want an emergency part in the 411 in that case.”
- l) President Dunn: “The 411 would have been called a 911 number if it was. If it’s non-emergency, we can settle into a non-automated voice.”
- m) Senator Fregia: “Point of parliamentary inquiry, is there any way we could have a request?”
- n) Parliamentarian: “You cannot amend Tyler’s amendment.”

- o) President Dunn: “A resolution is way heavier, but the proposal skips quite a few channels.”
- p) Senator Hall: “Regardless of whether it’s going to be automated or not, given the need for crisis intervention, having the extra number will divert attention so it’d be harder to manage if there’s more people calling a single number.”
- q) Senator Bradshaw: “Having only two numbers would point people’s concerns to the wrong number if they need crisis intervention.”
- r) President Dunn: “As stated, do we think students will understand the difference?”
- s) Senator Bradshaw: “411 is usually an informational line.”
- t) Senator Andrews: “My one concern is that crisis intervention is important because mental health is an issue. The differentiation between mental and physical is important. These numbers would have that distinct. I would want to make that distinction more pronounced.”
- u) President Dunn: “I just don’t know if people would understand that.”
- v) Senator Andrews: “The only people who would know the difference would be the people who have gone through the training as freshmen.”
- w) Senator Hall: “The people who already have the cards would still just have their old cards, it wouldn’t be updated?”
- x) President Dunn: “No.”
- y) Senator Ackerman: “This a precedent for the next generation of Trojans. I think as long as it’s explicitly clear with the office of orientation that we tell them what people should be doing, it’s going to set a precedent and foster a really nice trend for people who are seeking this trend. Obviously, we’d want people to have those resources, so we’d have to live with that.”
- z) President Dunn: “We just have to figure out if that transition is something we’re okay with.”
- aa) Senator Fregia: “For some international students or random other people, is there any way that they can get that information or get emails sent to them or anything?”
- bb) President Dunn: “We could look into having this information sent out via email.”
- cc) Senator Fregia: “I would suggest having an email sent out.”
- dd) President Dunn: “I think that’ll happen.”
- ee) Parliamentarian Hrovat: “Point of parliamentary inquiry, you cannot talk more than two times.”

- ff) Treasurer Bunyard: “Melanie and I have a card that has an emergency number that is inactive. Is that known?”
- gg) President Dunn: “Yes, that is the reason for this.”
- hh) Parliamentarian Hrovat: “You are just voting on the amendment. If the amendment is approved, you can then vote on the amended proposal as a whole.”
- ii) Senator Smith: “What was the change?”
- jj) VP Monahan: “We added the crisis intervention number.”
- kk) Senator Bolton: “I yield to Tyler.”
- ll) Senator Matheson: “We can teach students anything. That’s important to realize. The debate is between having two numbers with more description versus three without.”

6. Voting

- a) The amendment is approved (10-1-0)
(1) Opposed: Senator Andrews

7. Debate

- a) Senator Silver: “We could amend it again for efficiency of words.”
- b) Senator Matheson: “Crisis is a nationally-used term. In my opinion, that might be something for the professionals to do, as to what to call it.”
- c) Senator Han: “When I talked to Student Affairs, she said the new department name is called Crisis Prevention.”
- d) President Dunn: “What you need to consider is what is easiest and best for students, what terminology would be best.”
- e) Senator Andrews: “Going off that, we can’t just change that. Even if we are equipped with this knowledge, I feel like I’d have to explain it. We have to be accessible to students. We have to think of a new term.”
- f) President Dunn: “What we should strive towards simplicity. In a state of panic or emergency, we should pursue whatever is clearest. It’s not super clear right now. My other question is: if we were to write, for physical emergencies, call this, or mental emergencies, call this? Sometimes, you might need to call DPS.”
- g) Senator Bradshaw: “Maybe you could leave the DPS number as is. Mental health and physical health kind of puts people in boxes.”
- h) Senator Smith: “So we’re voting on this is a whole?”
- i) Senator Hall: “So if we wanted to change the wording, we’d have to make another amendment.”
- j) Senator Bolton: “If counseling an accurate description of what it will lead to, Senator Matheson?”
- k) Senator Matheson: “These people are trained to handle mental health issues. If you have a family distress, they can handle that, as well.”

- l) Senator Hall: "Would counseling be the appropriate description?"
- m) Senator Matheson: "Maybe. The reason they made this department, though, is because other things fall under it. It is a whole new number they are creating."

8. Voting (passing the entire thing)

- a) Passed (8-3-0)

(1) Opposed: Senators Hall, Bolton, and Andrews

VIII. New Business

- A. None

IX. Announcements

- A. VP Monahan: "If you see my ID, please let me know. Two, I encourage Senators to use the week to discuss these things."
- B. Parliamentarian Hrovat: "Seconded. This should have been done during the week."
- C. Senator Hall: "Do we have debate during the week or during the meeting?"
- D. Parliamentarian Hrovat: "It's not about asking questions. That should be done during the week, but presenting opinions can be during the meeting."

X. Discussion

- A. President Dunn: "What today would have looked at would have been, any Senator could have said this is what we came up with after discussing."
- B. Senator Smith: "Are these discussions to be happening one-on-one or what?"
- C. Senator Matheson: "I understand what you're saying but no one put anything in an email or GroupMe."
- D. President Dunn: "We will often turn Senate into this, but in an ideal world, Tyler would have taken it upon himself to get this to all of the Senators until it got to a point where it was ready to be presented. Really hard thing to do."

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Lee seconds
- C. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM