



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350
September 19th, 2017

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- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
 - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the minutes
 - B. Senator Ackerman seconds
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the agenda
 - B. Senator Andrews seconds
 - C. Voting
 - 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (10-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. None
- VI. Presentations
 - A. Morgan Monahan, Vice President
 - 1. VP Monahan: “This is my September Senate presentation. We currently have 12 projects in the hands of VP, Provost, or President. Major updates included blue books and Scantrons being provided by the University for free to every student. Right now, it’s in the works and I don’t know how long it’ll take for that to happen but each school has to look into it individually. We talked about DACA with Dean Soni. It’s probably the most important thing we’ll do with our funding. Two people today were extended and they are so grateful. CALM app licensing will be rolling out soon. Austin and I are trying to work to put on panels related to the Medical School Dean, and ways we can move forward from that. We had a meeting with Annenberg, as well. The Space Committee, which is reevaluating space within Campus Center, demonstrates that our school is really committed to tearing down walls and reinvigorating it to use space in a more efficient way. We met with Varun Soni and I have an update about the cards -- they’re putting together a proposal for that. I’m a meeting-haver, so my responsibilities include having one-on-ones with Executive Committee members. We also have our Bonfire coming up, as well as birthday celebrations. Moving forward, I’m working on an online database of USG archives, active shooter training, intervention training, grievance excuses, free printing, repainting bike lanes, DPS response time, vending machines, sexual health awareness, USG transparency, and videos recapping what we’re doing.
 - 2. Senator Andrews: “What is ‘sexual health awareness’? Is this in terms of keeping healthy relationships?”
 - 3. VP Monahan: “Things like condoms and making them more accessible to people.”
 - B. Ivana Giang & Cindy Pineda, Co-Chief Diversity Officers

1. Ivana and Cindy: “We wanted to kick it off by detailing what our position entails. It was created to ensure that we’re more inclusive. We oversee the Advocacy Branch. We received 60+ applications and were only going to hire 12, which is a lot more selective than last year. So far, they’ve been stellar. We had retreat on Sept. 10 which was successful and now they’re starting their weekly meetings. The Diversity person last year took one person from each team to make a cultural team, so we actually have one liaison for each committee -- APASA, BSA, LSA, QuASA, ISA, SAGE. We’ve also had the flexibility to fill this throughout the year. We’re not experts in facilitating diversity, but we have had trainings even in advocacy branch retreat. We did do more recruitment efforts, making sure we were taking in diversity of thought. We had members of the organization sit down and consider biases in the hiring process. We also included a diversity statement on the application. We not only are not discriminating. Not only is the Resource Outreach team going to get people from underrepresented communities on campus, but is offering photo coverage and funding. We have begun to build campus connections like Title IX and Cultural Centers. We have met with these individuals to make a collaborative effort and can supply that information to USG. Personal updates, members of these following advisory boards for the Provost -- Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council. These are our personal advocacy initiatives: FLI Center, Cultural Competency Training, LEAD SC Scholarship, undocumented student resources (there’s an array of resources available but not very concise and who provides it, so it’s going to be an internal project where we can have it on the SUG website)
2. Senator Bolton: “Can you elaborate on what your ideas are for the first generation students?”
3. Ivana: “We’re unsure what the process is going to look like exactly but we’re going to see what can be done as far as setting up spaces on campus. It’s specifically regarding resources for students from low-income backgrounds.”

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

- A. None

VIII. New Business

- A. None

IX. Announcements

- A. None

X. Discussion

- A. Senator Fregia: “Once again, we will be faced with another major decision on the travel ban. There are students abroad who might be affected by this. All I would ask is that you put serious precautions and make sure that you’re in the okay. It’s good to ask questions. It would be best to get that information as soon as possible. Don’t wait until the day it happens.”

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Smith seconds
- C. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM