



**Official Undergraduate Student Government  
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350

October 3rd, 2017

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**Guests**

Jacob Rose  
Gabe Savage  
Trenton Stone  
Annie Ly  
Ivan Wong  
Donna Emein

**Advisors**

Diana Zarate

- I. Call to order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM
- II. Reading and approval of minutes
  - A. Senator Antounian moves to approve the minutes
  - B. Senator Hall seconds
- III. Approval of the agenda
  - A. Senator Smith moves to approve the agenda
  - B. Senator Ackerman seconds
  - C. Voting
    - 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (11-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
  - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
  - A. Luke Southwell-Chan, Chief of Staff
    - 1. This is my October presentation. We had our USG Bonfire on Saturday, we've been working on org-wide meetings, weekly internal emails, and development events.
    - 2. In terms of Advocacy, External has still been working on free menstrual care products, community spaces, Academic is working on 20 units included in tuition and mentorship program, Wellness has been working on sexual assault health examiner and date rape drug testing.
    - 3. First-Year has been working on orientations, USCards, Spring Admit ambassador program, Accessibility has been working on wheelchair intramural events, elevator accessibility, and dining hall and campus center accessibility.
- VI. Presentations
  - A. Buck Andrews, Senator
    - 1. My big project this year was Calm. It's basically done and being implemented on campus. We're working with Paula to make sure we can implement it in all of the residence halls so that we see continual growth and people are practicing mindfulness. I talked to Paul Breslin who is trying to put on an event, where people can perhaps meditate. Thanks to everyone who worked with me on Calm and I'm so glad this happened. Other things I'm working on include a PrEP Awareness Campaign -- PrEP is an anti-HIV drug that makes it so you have a 99.99% chance of not contracting HIV if you come into contact with it. We're working on Birth Control Vending Machines, Kosher Dining Hall (USC does not look so hot when compared to other universities). At USC, we have Parkside, which has Kosher options sometimes. This is not exactly the right way to go about it. A lot of enthusiasm from Senate about it. Buddha Booth is a booth that is a little area that you can meditate in. A big problem with mindfulness spaces on campus is that we don't have much space to allocate on our campus. But these solve that problem. My new Senate

Aide, Jillian Halperin, is a sophomore majoring in Communication. We're working really well together. I finally got a therapist and have been meditating for 25 minutes every morning and it's been awesome.

B. Natalie Antounian, Senator

1. I'm aspiring to provide all undergraduates with printing credits and have a meeting with Lory Council tomorrow, working directly with USCard Services to make this happen. I'm also working on undergraduate metro passes to provide all students with free metro passes. I have a new Senate Aide, Donna, who's majoring in International Relations and Global Business.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. LSA Name Change

1. Senator Ackerman moves to approve the LSA Name Change
2. Senator Lee seconds
3. Voting
  - a) Motion passes unanimously (11-0-0)

B. Hiring of the Funding Director

1. Senator Smith moves to approve the Hiring of the Funding Director
2. Senator Silver seconds
3. Voting
  - a) Motion passes unanimously (11-0-0)

C. Hiring of Graphics AD

1. Senator Antounian moves to approve
2. Senator Ackerman seconds
3. Voting
  - a) Motion passes unanimously (11-0-0)

VIII. New Business

A. Hiring of Funding AD, Donielle Bunyard and Melanie Franceschini

1. We had a vacancy because Kortney was promoted to be Director of Dic Fund #2. We had 80+ applications and selected Bryan Navarro, a freshman studying business because he is passionate about others, believes that funding is a form of advocacy, and believes that leadership is about flipping the pyramid. We will aim to keep supporting everyone and making sure they are comfortable in their roles.

B. Hiring of Senate Aides, Tyler Matheson

1. I'm here to talk to you all about Senate Aide hiring and how that went down. We had each of the individual Senators share it privately, on Facebook, and on the website. We had 28 applicants, 27 of which got interviews. We had me, Juju, and a rotating cast of Senators interview them. We talked about advocacy questions to find out the people who were involved on campus, talked about CDO's to find out what they cared about when it came to diversity. Senate Aide requirements include 2 hours, as highlighted in the USG Bylaws. This means we doubled the size

of the branch and will have double the people power to do all types of incredible things.

IX. Announcements

A. Senator Antounian

1. If you haven't downloaded Calm yet, you should.

B. Senator Matheson

1. This month has National Depression Screening Day.

X. Discussion

A. None

XI. Adjournment

A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting

B. Senator Smith seconds

C. Senator Matheson adjourns the meeting at 7:27 PM