



**Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes**

7:00 pm, TCC 350

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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 Matheson moves to approve the minutes
 - B. Senator Andrews seconds
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - A. Senator Matheson moves to amend the agenda to include the Referendum item in New Business
 - B. Senator Antounian seconds
 - C. Voting
 - 1. Agenda approved as amended unanimously (10-0-0)
 - D. Senator Antounian moves to approve the agenda
 - E. Senator Hall seconds
 - F. Voting
 - 1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (10-0-0)
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. None
- V. Reports of officers and directors
 - A. Daniel Zhu, Senior Director of Communication
 - 1. Technology Team -- on the USG website, we have included a resources guide, the Senate meeting minutes, monthly updates, and have implemented a beta test for an improved paperwork process to eliminate a lot of the repetition.
 - 2. Marketing Team -- we have been planning events for November and December, and are working in collaboration with Elections and Recruitment on a multi-step marketing campaign to get the student body to vote.
 - 3. Media Team -- we have been continuing 30-second Thursdays, are in production to further describe how Funding works to get that word out to students and organizations, and have been working on Conquest media.
 - 4. Business Relations Team -- we have been working on a strategic plan for spring semester, and have been connecting with vendors.
 - 5. Elections and Recruitment -- we have been reviewing and revising the election code, emphasizing ethical practices and standardization of hiring policy, setting up workshops for hiring directors, and facilitating an increase in application numbers and external applicants.
 - 6. Graphics -- we have been revising the graphics review process, continuing our graphic design work, and are also working on the display case in the front of the office.
- VI. Presentations
 - A. Noah Silver, Senator
 - 1. I'm a sophomore from Paradise Valley, AZ, and majoring in IRGB and minoring in Statistics.

2. I'm working on the Zero-Emissions Bus Fleet Resolution and Airport Transportation and Kosher/Halal Dining Halls.
3. My Senate aide is Jacob Rose who is majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Applied Analytics.

B. Bella Smith, Senator

1. I'm a senior studying Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in screenwriting. I'm from Bayonne, NJ and my constituencies are APASA and SSA.
2. We finished the Dining Hall Takeout Resolution, which was a success, and am working on Kosher/Halal dining options and a USC mobile app.
3. My Senate aide is Gabe Savage, a freshman studying PPL from Reading, PA, and he worked at an olive oil specialty store in the summer.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Zero Emissions Bus Fleet Resolution -- Senators Silver, Bolton, and Fregia

1. Senator Silver: We have been looking into the USC Sustainability 2020 Plan and how the university operates with regard to sustainability. There's a lot of talk but not a lot of action. We put this into a call to action to convert the USC bus fleet into zero emissions. Over half of the 32 buses are diesel. The Metro retired their last diesel bus in 2012. This resolution is aiming to catch up to LA Metro and catch up to other universities.
2. Senator Bolton: In order to go zero emissions, we propose that they create a five-year plan to make this change. Metro transitioned because LA has some of the worst environmental quality in the country -- produces carbon footprint and makes the air worse.
3. Senator Fregia: USC has stated its commitment to sustainability and we're trying to keep them accountable to their own standard.
4. Senator Silver: This resolution is important in our commitment to sustainability we really want to see this happen.
5. Senator Smith: Is this including Health Sciences campus?
6. Senator Silver: This is everything that USC operates.
7. VP Monahan: Do the buses have leases that expire?
8. Senator Silver: That leasing information is info we don't have. There are some leases that don't expire. We think that this is so important it's not something we can wait on. We have people all around the city who have higher rates of asthma and pollutants that we at USC are contributing to.
9. Senator Bolton: We're trying to push them to create a 5-year plan that would address this.
10. Senator Matheson: Do you know what the current fleet of UCLA and peer institutions look like?
11. Senator Silver: They have partnerships with bus companies. Their bus fleets are a little different in that they're more outsourced.

B. Referendum -- Juliana Hrovat

1. Juliana: We are re-adding referendum into the Constitution as it was an oversight in rewriting the Bylaws from last year to this year. This will be added under Article 9, Section 8 of the bylaws and this is cosmetic changes. The resolution was already approved by the previous senate.
2. VP Monahan: Can you define what a referendum is?
3. Juliana: It basically means that if 25% of students support this.
4. President Dunn: This was approved before, so it was actually an oversight by the previous exec. So we're just going to pop it back in, but we realized by adding it, we need to approve that the numbers of the sections will now change. The Norman Topping Scholarship takes \$4 from each student -- affects the entire student body. It gets put into the election. We would put it up onto the ballot and 25% of the student body would have to vote yes on it. Only one referendum has happened ever since it was created -- first have to get constitutionality and judicial has to declare it nonpartisan. That is the complete aspect of the referendum and I would highly recommend that Senate reads through it so that they can ask questions.
5. Senator Matheson: It gets approved by judicial for nonpartisanship, pass through Senate $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, then petition with 1/10th of student body, and in general election where 25% of the student body votes.
6. President Dunn: We're not voting on wording at all. If you want to change the resolution at all, we have to use additional methods.

IX. Announcements

- A. None

X. Discussion

- A. None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Senator Antounian moves to adjourn the meeting
- B. Senator Hall seconds
- C. VP Monahan adjourns the meeting at 7:21 PM