I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
II. Reading and approval of minutes
   A. Senator Crane moves to approve the minutes
   B. Senator Gupta seconds
   C. Minutes approved as read
III. Approval of the agenda
   A. Senator Sherman moves to approve the agenda
   B. Senator Savage seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (12-0-0)
IV. Open Forum
   A. Guest 1 -- Today, you're going to hear about a resolution on DACA/Dream Center. As we work with immigration issues and immigrants on campus, keep in mind this extremely vulnerable population on campus.
   B. Guest 2 -- I'm one of the Executive Chairs for DREAMS. I worked with Mai and Jose on the permanent DREAM center. Our mission is to provide resources for undocumented students at this university. I have some experiences with current campus resources. In early 2017, I had a consultation with the immigration legal clinic. They did not reach out for a follow-up so I looked for a nonprofit. The advisers at the center ignored my feelings. I went through really bad depression. I heard back about one month later. I felt incompetent, I felt if I sought help at USC that I would be embarrassed. This isn't really a question of where USC stands politically, but is about providing resources for all of us to succeed and thrive.
   C. Guest 3 -- My DACA is set to expire next year. I transferred into USC which I’m navigating on my own. I am not the first undocumented student and not the last. There will be more undocumented students each year. I can work but those coming in next year and in the future will not. I live my day one day at a time. On top of that, financial constraints go beyond the cost of tuition -- where I eat and
live. The DREAM center is really essential. I support Mai’s initiative to institutionalize the DREAM center.

D. Guest 4 -- There’s a pop-up DREAM center at KAP about the size of the USG closet. I cannot even imagine the different tolls that are taken on them every day, so we need to provide them with the resources for them to thrive.

E. Guest 5 -- I’m a GSG Senator. I just want to first reiterate that we need more support. GSG passed a resolution earlier this semester. In regards to the Custodial staff, we passed a resolution nearly identical to the one Mai presented to me. The wages they are paid are below minimum wage. I just wanted to come out here and let you all know that we passed an almost-unanimous vote a great show of solidarity in marching with these folks and I hope we can continue this work in the future.

V. Reports of officers and directors
   A. None

VI. Presentations
   A. None

VII. Unfinished business and general orders
   A. 2018-2019 USG Budget
      1. Senator Sherman moves to approve
      2. Senator Crane seconds
      3. Senator Crane moves to move $8K from Exec/Leg to $6K for staff salaries and $2K for Philanthropy Fund.
      4. Senator Geschwind seconds
      5. Debate
         a) Senator Chong -- Can I ask why?
         b) President Lee -- We didn’t receive our staff salaries until yesterday so we had underestimated what was needed. We needed to make sure that they were paid adequately and we gave to Philanthropy Fund because that goes back to students.
         c) Senator Chong -- Can I ask why you picked Philanthropy and not Leadership Fund?
         d) Treasurer Quartieri -- We had decreased Philanthropy Fund earlier. Additionally, the Volunteer Center can apply for funds from the Philanthropy Fund and easily access it.
         e) President Lee -- The funds are an easy way for the money to go back to students and it also brings it back to where it was last year.
         f) Senator Geschwind -- Is the Phil Fund expected to exhaust their funds?
         g) President Lee -- Contracts fell through which was not a fault of the Director but because the previous director had left to study abroad.
         h) Senator Geschwind -- Is there an increase in professional fund?
i) Treasurer Quartieri -- That jump is because of minimum wage increases.

j) Senator Kohentab -- Can I ask for us to take it to a vote?

k) VP Ackerman -- I'll do that.

l) Senator Sherman -- What was the initial motivation for the decrease in Philanthropy Fund?

m) President Lee -- We felt that Philanthropy Fund would have leftover money. We feel that as many dollars should go back to students. Funds are an easy way for students to get money back to them.

6. Voting (Amendment)
   a) Amendment approved (11-1-0)
      ○ Senator Chong not in favor

7. Voting (Amended Budget)
   a) Item approved (11-1-0)
      ○ Senator Chong not in favor

B. Presentation of 2018-2019 USG Programming Assembly Officials
   1. Senator Sherman moves to approve
   2. Senator Crane seconds
   3. Debate -- none
   4. Voting
      a) Item passes unanimously (12-0-0)

C. Custodial Staff Resolution
   1. Senator Murphy moves to approve
   2. Senator Chong seconds
   3. Debate -- none
   4. Voting
      a) Item passes unanimously (12-0-0)

VIII. New Business
   A. CDO Presentation, Debbie Lee
      1. Applications were opened February 28th, March 22nd, and April 10th. Interviews were held on April 13th and 16th with the current CDO, assembly directors, staff invited, and present. The top 2 candidates were selected by Debbie and Blake. Each candidate then had to receive a 2/3rd vote individually from the current sitting cultural directors and AD’s.
      2. The two CDO’s selected were Shany Ebadi and Milton Demas.
      3. Together, they have a comprehensive understanding of the D&I issues that students face. They have the institutional knowledge, relationships with cultural teams, diverse experiences, and the skills and personality traits to serve as effective, empathetic CDO’s.
      4. Discussion
         a) Senator Geschwind -- They were just notified a few minutes ago?
b) President Lee -- They were presented tonight to the entire cultural assemblies and directors team. Those members had the final say. That just happened a few minutes ago.

c) Senator Geschwind -- The reason it was prolonged was because previous candidates did not get a 2/3rds vote.

d) President Lee -- The previous candidates were not able to hoop through the simple majority. There was a lot of communication with the cultural assembly team with how we wanted to go about this process.

B. Presentation of Trojan Pride AD
   1. Keisuke
      a) The new AD is going to be Bennet Cowdin. This candidate was just chosen today. We interviewed last weekend and both of us believe he would be a great choice.

C. Presentation of Academic Cultural Assembly ADs
   1. Keisuke
      a) We have Director: Montana, and co-AD’s: Eesen and Jeffrey.

D. Permanent DREAM Center for Undocumented Students Resolution
   1. Students have already faced significant and distressing difficulties in traveling for extracurricular activities or taking full advantage of the opportunities available at USC due to their uncertain status. 1 in 190 undergraduates at USC faces potential deportation according to the Fight On for DACA campaign, and a number of USC’s peer institutions including Brown University, UC Berkeley, Emory University, New York University and UCLA have released specific, long term, and transparent plans for ensuring the rights of undocumented students or have created centralized hubs for information pertinent to undocumented students.

The University of Southern California President C.L. Max Nikias, Provost Michael Quick, Keck School of Medicine Dean Laura Mosqueda, and Rossier School of Education Dean Karen Symms Gallagher, each issued statements signaling their strong support for all members of our community regardless of their immigration status. Provost Quick’s March 5, 2018 DACA Status Update Memo to the USC Community specifically read, “USC unreservedly supports its students, faculty, and staff of all national origins and immigration status. We will continue to push for a permanent resolution to this issue...to ensure that everyone in our community – regardless of status – can continue to thrive at USC. Provost Quick has appointed Vanessa Brake, Associate Dean of Religious Life, as the point person to coordinate and implement efforts across campus that support immigrant and international students. a pop-up DREAMer Center has been created by faculty and students to provide a safe space and resources to undocumented undergraduate and graduate students, but this Center has not been given full-time recognition by the
Administration nor a dedicated staff member to facilitate its activities. Although there have been repeated and well-supported calls for a permanent DREAMer center to centralize support for at-risk or undocumented students, one still does not exist. USG, GSG and the USC Administration continue to significantly invest time and resources in any necessary or widely-requested supportive resource regarding student immigration status concerns. The investment will be aimed at ensuring that the undocumented or at-risk student population is provided any and all information needed regarding proper legal assistance or guidance concerning their immigration status or their family’s immigration status.

Both USG and GSG ask the Administration to officially recognize the need for and establish a permanent DREAM center that comprehensively meets the needs of undocumented and at-risk students. The goals of this Center will be to adequately meet the needs of undocumented students with regard to legal counselling, career placement, financial aid and assistance, mental health, and any further assistance affected students may require. This request represents an actualization of public comments made by members of the Administration, mirrors actions taken by peer institutions, and seeks to meet an explicit student need. USG calls on the Administration to work towards identifying a budget for the purpose of establishing the aforementioned DREAM center, staffing the DREAM center, and funding any projects or resources deemed necessary for aiding and protecting undocumented or similarly at-risk students. Both USG and GSG ask that the Administration appoint a full-time, singularly-focused coordinator to oversee and assist in the creation of a permanent DREAM center and the development of a centralized hub of resources for affected students. The coordinator should additionally be directly involved in the continuing efforts of USG, GSG, the Administration, and other organizations on campus to provide the proper support and assistance to undocumented and at-risk students. USG and GSG request that Provost Quick significantly involve and utilize the understanding and experience of the existing Immigration Task Force in discussions regarding the creation and development of a permanent DREAM center. Both USG and GSG request timely updates from Administration officials currently handling the issues and requests discussed in this resolution, including but not limited to Vanessa Brake. These updates will detail the efforts being undertaken by the Administration to coordinate and implement supportive resources for affected students, until such time as a full-time coordinator for the permanent DREAM Center is appointed.

2. Discussion
   a) Senator Tan -- Do you any of you have an idea about where we would have these spaces?
b) Mai -- We met with the Libraries because we felt they would have some idea of space. We had a meeting with them a couple weeks ago.

c) Guest -- Too many people are requesting that space so they can’t make it a permanent space.

d) Senator Kohanteb -- You want a different, bigger space?

e) Mai -- It only fits a sofa and a desk. A supply closet is not accessible.

f) Guest -- It’s also in KAP, which is hard to get to.

g) Senator Halperin -- Can you clarify who people are supposed to contact?

h) Guest -- We are hoping to host a career preparedness workshop. Someone from the immigration law office might have had a meeting last week.

i) Mai -- Right now, they just tell you where to go next.

j) Senator -- Do you think a full-time coordinator is enough or is it more of a starting point?

k) Mai -- A starting point. Also, only one person can fit in the current space. We also need funding and time, but undocumented students cannot necessarily engage in the Career Fair. This is something that is deficient when there’s only one full-time staff member.

l) Senator Geschwind -- This would be open to DREAMers, so not all undocumented students?

m) Guest -- DREAMer status is used as a particular reference.

n) Senator Geschwind -- So the DREAM center is not reflective of just being for DREAMers.

o) Mai -- The idea of the DREAMer is a broader term.

p) Guest -- There was an attempt at a National DREAM Act which would encompass people from all states.

q) Senator Gupta -- How many people use the current pop-up center?

r) Guest -- We don’t have the data, in part because there’s not much they can get since it’s underdeveloped.

s) Senator Gupta -- When did the space open?

t) Mai -- Earlier this year.

u) Senator Geschwind -- What would your ideal space look like?

v) Guest -- Ideally, like this. But also it would be nice to have a little private area within the room. UCLA has a really well-established undocumented student center. They have mental health counselors, financial aid, etc. We would want these people available at all times.

IX. Announcements

A. None
X. Discussion
   A. None

XI. Adjournment
   A. Senator Sherman moves to adjourn the meeting
   B. Senator Savage seconds
   C. VP Ackerman adjourns the meeting at 7:44 PM