I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
II. Reading and approval of minutes
   A. Senator Sherman moves to approve the minutes
   B. Senator Geschwind seconds
   C. Minutes approved as read
III. Approval of the agenda
   A. Senator Gupta moves to approve the agenda
   B. Senator Savage seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (12-0-0)
IV. Open Forum
   A. Kylie -- I serve as co-director of SAGE and I’m working to connect low-income students to various resources. I’ve also served as Managing Editor of Daily Trojan that requires me to know a lot about student government. I believe that what Senator Murphy is proposing is highly important. Speaking from my own experience, I think we are so incredibly lucky to have this resource with all of us. I feel strongly that this is what USG should spend its money on so it supports all students.
   B. Mia -- We have to take on a lot for programming. Our main job description is to put on events for our constituency. There are a lot of opportunities for us to take on advocacy initiatives but we don’t have time for it all the time. We don’t have enough time and representation and hours to take on every single advocacy role for our community. We think there is a way for them to have equal opportunity and we need to prioritize that, so that it’s not all on Program Board. For mental health reasons, it’s difficult to do that all at the same time.
   C. Claire -- I’m one of the co-directors of ESA. I just want to talk about ESA. We have the Green Engagement Fund. That was something that my other co-director had to manage by herself. It was extremely stressful for her and she did not have the proper time and resources. It’s really difficult to manage one whole club and USG responsibilities and this huge fund. I just think it’s really important that we
have that advocacy fund somewhere else. The GEF is not just through ESA so it can’t come from ESA money. We have to find different ways to get that funding because ESA, though we have extra money at the end of the year, are not allowed to IR it to GEF. There are not enough places to put money into advocacy initiatives. This is why I think it’s important that we have this amendment because it’s something that ESA has struggled with.

D. Anya -- I’m the co-director of SAGE. Our funding and specifically for advocacy initiatives can only come through us if it goes through a member organization. That’s why I think it’s important it comes through an independent mechanism. By reducing the number of cultural assembly members that can sit on the board, it would undermine our abilities. It is important that everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinions.

E. Rosa -- I’m the co-director of SAGE with Anya. I was given credit to start the Feminist Involvement Fair but I don’t care about that -- the only legacy I want to leave behind is that our students have a forum to be able to take about issues they care about. I represent a diverse group of people, not just women but non-binary folks and people who are marginalized in general. We can’t have just two people on this board. If you think about it, East Asians have a lot more representation in APASA, for example. If we only have two cultural assemblies, that leads to argumentation between organizations. I don’t believe two people have the power to talk over everyone else. I believe everyone should have equal opportunity to be at the table. At the end of the day, we promised these things to the student body and we have the means of making it happen. If the administration won’t support us, then we can do it ourselves.

V. Reports of officers and directors

A. Debbie Lee, President

1. This is my monthly update. This is a breakdown as to how I spend my time -- 70% meetings, 25% conflict resolution, 5% miscellaneous.
2. We’ve met with Dr Carrey, Provost Quick, the Office of Campus Wellness and Crisis Intervention, cultural and Greek organizations, the Sustainability Steering Committee, Chairman Rick Caruso, etc.
3. Initiatives and Updates
   a) Food Pantry
      o We are still figuring out logistics but should be open by mid-fall at the latest.
      o OT 299 -- Dean Soni gave the first lecture on how to thrive.
      o Connections Sessions -- next one coming up at 9:30 in this room tomorrow.
      o Wellness Vending Machines -- should be in service by October 1st.
      o USC Traffic Safety -- traffic safety proposal should be coming soon.
○ Rest and meditation spaces -- Provost Quick was excited that we’re putting this at the forefront.

b) If you have any more questions, I’m free to meet in the office.

4. Questions
   a) Anya -- Where are the wellness vending machines?
   b) Debbie -- We’re still figuring out but thinking about Leavey. We want students to have it accessible but for it to be a somewhat private space so that students can have their privacy, as well.

B. Rick Keaton, Chief of Staff

1. Org Updates
   a) We had our fall retreat, which was great way for us to come together.
   b) Campus Partners Dinner -- we had a big turnout from our administrative counterparts.
   c) Weekly internal emails recently got a facelift and that will be our new way of sending emails.
   d) Orgsync -- USG members will be swiping in with your ID cards starting on Monday.
   e) Development events -- have been working closely with Hunter on setting prices and logistics.

2. Advocacy updates
   a) External -- working on other registration initiative, food security updates
   b) Academic -- working on laptop loaner program, transfer and commuter student center
   c) Wellness -- working on national eating disorder awareness month, feminine products
   d) Student safety -- meeting with cultural assemblies, IV bags for inebriated students
   e) First year -- working on spring admit lyon center fall access, first year wellness course
   f) Accessibility -- working on wheelchair basketball program, internal USG accessibility standards
   g) Residential -- gender inclusive USC housing, student voice with housing developments
   h) Sustainability -- working on a green wall on McCarthy Way parking structure, USC apartment composting, and green roofing options for USC

VI. Presentations
   A. None

VII. Unfinished business and general orders
    A. None

VIII. New Business
A. Chief Justice Appointment
1. Just to give you background, the nomination was sent by previous Chief Justice Charlynn and to be honest, I have very little to no information about Judicial because it should be like that as an independent check.
2. My appointment is AJ Singh, who joined Judicial Council in Fall 2015 and is the most experienced Associate Justice and has been active in all proceedings and hearings for the past 3 years.
3. He has shown a drive for leadership and ambition to take on the Chief Justice position. He has been steadfast in his moral beliefs and has a natural personality, and Charlynn recommends that he is the best choice for this position.
4. This position will require a ⅔ majority vote next week.

B. Diversity Fund Bylaw Amendment
1. Senator Murphy -- I wanted to say thank you for coming out and I want to credit everyone else who has been such a huge help on this.
2. Senator Lane -- I know it can get heavy to get something like this done. I also want to invite everyone to be open-minded. It’s very important for us to have accountability and tangible evidence.
3. Senator Murphy -- Before we move forward, I really want to emphasize that we wanted to bring this as soon as possible, and we spent the entire summer working on this. We wanted to bring this to all of you as soon as possible but we don’t have to vote on this next week if we don’t want to. We just wanted everyone to know that this is something that is being worked on. This doesn’t have to be the final version if we’re not ready for that.
4. Background (Mai)
   a) When I was a freshman, there was a huge movement on campus to address diversity on campus. I was part of that original coalition who would camp out front of Provost Quick’s office for money. The administration finally gave us $100K for USG and GSG in 2015. It’s important to keep in mind that it was started by students and will be continued by students. There’s $17K left. The only reason I knew about the fund was because I was part of the protests. The fund isn’t just for USG or GSG. How do we increase accessibility and transparency?
5. What’s the Need? (Senator Murphy)
   a) We’ve learned about a number of diversity-based advocacy initiatives that have had to stall because of a lack of funding. There are certain restrictions in how much funding the cultural assemblies receive and what they can spend it on. These are just a couple reasons. There’s also this kind of gap and worry in the way that it was initially allocated in that it was a one-time fund. Otherwise, we’re just relying on funding boards to be able to do
this on top of what they’re already doing. There are also gaps in transparency and information sharing with the current system with how many students are working on it.

6. Amendment
a) In short, it does 3 main things:
   ○ Re-ups the fund to $50K every year
     (a) It means it would be at $50K at the start each time. I would hope that we’d have to replenish all $50K because that’s what it would be meant to do.
   ○ Establishes an oversight board
     (a) CDO, Treasurer, 1 consistent representative from each cultural assembly
   ○ Create a clear, fair transparent process for individuals and organizations to apply for the funding.

b) Justifications
   ○ While a significant number of students and student-led organizations approach USG affiliated bodies with notable projects, many are deterred by a lack of available funding.
   ○ Currently there is no specific codified governing board or procedure for applying for or allocating the funding present in the diversity fund. The current system in place is not transparent, and only involves the executive team of USG, which fails to include the input of the leadership of the current USG cultural assemblies.
   ○ Given that the cultural assemblies sit within the programming branch of USG, the precedent for their spending typically has been to spend the money on events, speakers, cultural fairs, etc. rather than specifically on diversity-related initiatives.

c) When setting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, the budget allocation Committee will allocate funds drawn from the Student Programming Fee to fully capitalize the internal USG Diversity Fund.

d) The USG Diversity Fund will henceforth be managed by the Diversity Fund Oversight Board which will have the following structure. The Oversight board will be comprised of the USG Treasurer for the corresponding fiscal year and the CDO.

e) The USG Diversity Fund Oversight Board shall be run in a similar format to a funding board.
   ○ The Oversight Board will make a presentation to Senate following any decisions to fund or not fund final applications that have been presented to and decided on by the Oversight Board.
7. Why not other resources? Why this Fund?
   a) Yes, we have Programming Boards and Funding Boards. Who would have the appropriate resources/structure to fully fund a DREAMer Center? Leadership Stipend?
   b) Not all communities on our campus fit under each Cultural Assembly.
   c) We want a fair, clear, transparent way for this to happen.
   d) This doesn’t just affect these boards, but also the Advocacy branches. Advocacy directors don’t have funding and if you want to impact a large-scale community, it empowers another branch of USG.

8. But we haven’t used all the money yet...
   a) $50K is not that much money. You can’t even pay tuition with that.
   b) With a finite amount of money, it’s very difficult to figure out how to spend it. If you don’t have a lot of money, you’re going to be very frugal. So we want to make sure we have a consistent stream of money coming in.
   c) There is no formal accountability for that right now. There is no formal oversight board to allocate the money or a formal application process. It’s just been up to the President and Vice President. That was what the original contention was regarding when the money was initially allocated.

9. Next Steps
   a) This is one really big way we can make diverse students feel accounted for. We’re always here for you to talk.

10. Questions
    a) Senator Kohanteb -- These are the types of things you’d like to use the Diversity Fund for?
    b) Mai -- Actually, point of clarification, here are projects that were brought in the past that weren’t able to get funding.
    c) Senator Kohanteb -- So what were the $33K used for?
    d) Mai -- We haven’t been able to figure out that information. I know that Rini said some of that was used at a conference, but unfortunately, that’s not a question I can answer.
    e) Senator Kohanteb -- So if we don’t know where it was used, my concern is that if was given for this rainy day fund to help us in this situation where something goes bad, my fear is that something big happens on campus, we can’t go ask them for more money.
    f) Mai -- Let me just read Provost Quick’s announcement out loud. So it’s not a rainy day fund but up to USG and GSG about how to spend it.
g) Senator Murphy -- Why did we set it up this way to replenish every year? It shouldn’t have to be a rainy day thing. There are issues people face every day on our campus. So that’s why it was critical to us.

h) Senator Kohanteb -- You said that not every minority group on campus has a cultural assembly, but you want to make this accessible to everyone. Would you think that there’s a better format for how we could create a committee so that it’s a more diverse, holistic representation of our campus?

i) Senator Murphy -- I’m very open to that idea. Part of why we wanted to bring this up so early so we could have these conversations.

j) Senator Lane -- We’re going to have the accountability to be able to answer for where the dollars went. The directors have the credentials and responsibility to handle this. We do believe that these people are more than qualified to give unbiased and objective perspectives.

k) VP Ackerman -- I don’t know if any of the Senators know about why we can’t provide rape kits. We don’t have the staff or resources for that. That’s just a tedious and specific process that’s not available on our campus.

l) Anya -- That’s exactly what this would do. We’ve laid it out with Engemann and Keck. We have the resources just not the funding.

m) Senator Halperin -- Where would this money come from?

n) Treasurer Quartieri -- This is a separate account entirely, it’s not anywhere in our Budget.

o) Senator Halperin -- What is the logic in putting it above-the-line?

p) Senator Murphy -- If it’s an above-the-line item, it cannot be reallocated in the spring if an assembly overspent when the reallocation of the budget happens.

q) Senator Halperin -- I’m very for the things that are up there. But is $50K enough to represent and fund all of these things? How do you deal with this?

r) Senator Murphy -- The number $50K didn’t come out of thin air but that’s what was initially allocated. To be candid, it probably won’t get higher.

s) Mai -- I also wanted to speak more to your point, Jillian, about why we couldn’t add more to other assemblies. I was putting on a career fair for undocumented students but they don’t have a cultural assembly to be able to go to and that’s the type of thing that this type of fund would cover.

t) Senator Geschwind -- Where would this money come from?
u) Senator Murphy -- We have a pretty large surplus at the end of the year but it could come from Exec/Leg. It would mean one less retreat or one less water bottle. It would come from the student programming fee.

v) Senator Geschwind -- How does GSG handle their $50K?

w) Senator Murphy -- I know that I found out about the Diversity Fund and trying to find out where the money would come from for subsidized metro passes and someone told me that GSG had used some of their funds for that.

x) Senator Geschwind -- Do they have an oversight board?

y) Senator Murphy -- I’m not sure.

z) Senator Gupta -- From the $17K that are currently available to use, how will those be managed this year?

aa) Senator Murphy -- That’s a really good question. If we land on something with this Bylaw amendment, that would go into effect next year, next administration. I think it’s Debbie and Blake’s prerogative to put something together and present it to Senate. There’s nothing specified in the Bylaws right now as to how that would be managed.

bb) Mai -- There’s also no precedent for an oversight board. There hasn’t been any sort of formalization of a committee or anything like that.

c) Senator Chong -- Love the idea, more money for the students. We need it because we pay too much money to USC and feel like they should in some way give back. With the $50K, do the Senators approve how that $50K is spent or is it just money that’s there until it runs out?

d) Senator Murphy -- Right now, it’s set up to the discretion of the Funding Board. The reason we didn’t give Senate that power is that cultural assemblies don’t go to us for that. There isn’t really precedent for Senate to veto the choices of funding board.

e) Senator Bwerevu -- We want them to feel like we value them enough to give them the autonomy.

f) Senator Halperin -- How will you all decide what gets funded and what doesn’t?

g) Senator Murphy -- It wouldn’t be like the oversight board just plans it all out at the start of the year. It would be application-based. They would come in and present to the oversight board and answer any questions they may have.

h) Treasurer Quartieri -- I just wanted to touch on the fear of using too much at once. Each Board or Fund always has a limit to make sure that not all of the fund is spent at once.

ii) Senator Kohanteb -- Do you recommend that we put in a cap?
jj) Treasurer Quartieri -- I would imagine that it would be added in there.

kk) Senator Kohanteb -- For students who don’t fall into specific niches that are covered by cultural assemblies, is there a way we could frame this?

ll) VP Ackerman calls recess.

mm) The recess ends and VP Ackerman calls the meeting back to order.

nn) VP Ackerman -- I just want to make a quick point of order -- great discussion about the amendment right now but we are not supposed to be talking about the amendment itself, we’re supposed to be weighing out the pros and cons. Any questions and debate about the amendment itself can all come up in Old Business, but I don’t want to keep people from asking questions they might have.

oo) Senator Crane -- Were the CDO’s consulted on this project?

pp) Senator Murphy -- They were not but they will be. We just wanted to open the door to these conversations.

qq) Senator Crane -- Why is only one CDO chosen?

rr) Senator Murphy -- In the event that there were 2 CDO’s, we didn’t want them to have to switch off but wanted a consistent presence. So either one or both, and we just meant that we didn’t want them to switch off during application cycles. But if both would be comfortable in sitting on there, that would be okay, too.

ss) Senator Crane -- What’s the purpose of the presentation?

tt) Senator Murphy -- It would be like the officer presentations we get, and we really wanted to make sure that the cultural assemblies and the oversight board themselves felt like they could know more thoroughly challenges that we face. Right now, it’s more to keep Senate in the loop because we don’t veto things that boards fund or do not fund.

uu) May -- I know a lot of your concerns have been about representation. We fully understand our role in USG and understand our budget and jurisdiction of what we can and cannot provide funds to. When these applications come through for funding, we would think through whether its within our jurisdiction or not. Also, you raise a really good point about how there’s no Native American student assembly, so of course, you want to make sure that everyone is represented and that won’t happen if it’s just assembly directors doing this; however, it is important to note, if you open this board up to people outside of the cultural assemblies, then you potentially have non-USG people having jurisdiction over USG funds. Realistically, no one wants
that and while of course it’s disappointing that we don’t have a Native American assembly, we as assemblies will definitely keep those underrepresented demographics in mind when we make our decisions but that’s a huge gray area.

vv) Senator Crane -- What’s stopping it from turning into another funding board, where the funds run out very quickly?

ww) Senator Murphy -- There’s a reason there’s a number of voting members on the board. There could be an initiative that comes and asks for all $50K. It’s just going to be one more year until the money gets re-upped.

xx) Senator Lane -- The unfortunate reality is that diversity and inclusion, because we don’t have it, are set up to be rainy day issues, but it rains more than one day a week. We want the people with experience in these communities to make those decisions.

yy) Senator Crane -- If we have our own bulk funding, doesn’t this risk changing our relationship with administration and do you think administration will be hesitant to work on projects with?

zz) Senator Lane -- I like to call USC the University of Scandalous Crimes. Us doing something like this matching that sets a precedent and if we don’t place the onus on ourselves, there’s no way we can say that we didn’t care enough but administration should. They are trying to take strides, but us doing something like this and matching it is important to do.

aaa) Senator Murphy -- Especially because it’s students’ money, I don’t think that USC administration would see this as a way to cop out and stop trying. I think they would see the USG student leaders on the ground and identifying gaps and wanting to put it right back into the student body.

bbb) Guest 2 -- One quick point about Program Board -- one thing we’re not allowed to fund is durable goods. This sounds similar to stuff we do with the Engagement Fund. We do those things with a board and GEF directo and Advo/Sus Chair and they all look at these things. We’ve never had anyone asks for all of it. We negotiate with them to make sure it will work within our budget. I don’t think that, with the rainy day concerns, it doesn’t have to just fall on us to do something about it. We shouldn’t let those concerns stop us. I want to believe that we would rush them to cough up that money.

ccc) May -- Another important point I want to make is that all of those activities and programs, we would hate if $50K was all used up. But there is still going to be a gap so I don’t want to place restrictions.
Senator Crane -- I appreciate a lot of these arguments but I don’t feel comfortable with this and I move to push this to a special committee. They will report back on this to Senate on September 18th.

eee) Senator Crane moves that this discussion be moved to a special committee

fff) Senator Kohanteb seconds

ggg) Senator Crane -- I know that a lot of us appreciate these concerns, but it’s going to $50K every year and there’s no reason to rush into a decision. This will be forwarded to a special committee. This committee will report back to Senate in 3 weeks.

hhh) VP Ackerman -- The Senators had no more questions about the amendment in front of us so that’s why we ended that. We are currently in debate about this special committee.

iiii) Mai -- Can you just clarify what’s happening?

jjjj) VP Ackerman -- I asked if there were any questions from Senate and there were no questions.

kkkk) May -- Is there any other discussion before they vote?

llll) VP Ackerman -- The legislative branch will discuss this.

mmmm) Parliamentarian -- This is time for clarification questions. This gets voted on next week?

nnnn) Mai -- We don’t have to vote on it next week. We wanted to present it today so we provide enough time for people to talk about it. This was very rushed and I honestly feel really uncomfortable with this.

oooo) Senator Murphy -- Who would sit on this?

pppp) Senator Crane -- It would consist of Debbie Lee at chairperson, directors of cultural assemblies, and any senators. It will be three weeks with a recommendation of this board.

qqqq) Guest -- Does that mean we’re not allowed to answer those questions?

rrrr) VP Ackerman -- You are if the authors refer to you for input.

ssss) Guest -- It sounds like we’re answering questions.

tttt) VP Ackerman -- My personal opinion was that this had to do with things that weren’t in front of us and I wanted to focus on what was supposed to be talked about.

uuuu) Parliamentarian -- There’s a 15 minute discussion after that’s open to anyone.

vvvv) VP Ackerman -- We’re now in debate.

wwww) Senator Lane -- When you say we’ll come back on the 18th, can you elaborate on that?
xxx) Senator Crane -- That will not change anything about the actual amendment. It’s the exact same thing as if it would be brought up next week but we’ll also have a recommendation.

yyy) Senator Tan -- I strongly agreed with this initially because I represent ISA and I just think that it’s a lot to think about and one week is not enough time to decide. If documentation is a problem, I will do whatever needs to be done, I just think that we need a committee to evaluate this.

zzz) VP Ackerman -- All we’re talking about right now is Matt’s motion.

aaaa) Senator Sherman -- You would have all of the authors of the bill in there? There are a lot of kinks to work out and all of the major players are being represented here. I understand that adding other Exec members. I don’t see how adding another editing process does much.

bbbb) VP Ackerman -- I also want to add a point of clarification: once we vote on it, we’ll go through that process.

cccc) Senator Chong -- So the committee that you are proposing, you want one director or person from every cultural assembly to be a part of this committee? Can I recommend that you have it be open to all students? This chunk of money is not just allocated to student orgs but to students orgs in different clubs.

dddd) Senator Crane -- The issue is that to make a recommendation, we need a majority of people present as well as a majority opinion at some point, so you can’t just say all students.

eeee) Senator Halperin -- I think that we as Senators and USG represent students on campus and I think setting up this committee and being available ensures that we are representing those voices. I personally wouldn’t want this to pass and I think we need more time to make sure that everyone’s on the same page. If there’s anyone who has points about why we shouldn’t, I would want to know that.

ffff) Senator Lane -- I’m hoping I can get more perspective on how who’s being included here. Why is the entire executive committee sitting on this committee if the people who are really concerned with this are also on it? I think it might turn into more of an arm-wrestling match.

gggg) Senator Crane -- The Executive Board was discussing this prior to Senate. Everyone there has a perspective about USG that’s longer than Senators. They are not actually making the decisions. They will reach a consensus on what should be changed. Senate’s autonomy is at no point adjusted. Exec’s representation doesn’t change anything about the actual bill.
Senator Kohanteb -- Is Debbie aware that she’s the chairperson of this?

VP Ackerman -- Yes.

Senator Lane -- I hear what you’re saying, Senator Crane, but it’s my understanding that Hunter would be included on this. The fact that we would come back to Senate with a cohesive recommendation as a whole. I feel like if Exec had been discussing this beforehand, my name’s on that amendment and I had no clue. I really just want to emphasize that I’m all for the committee, but I really don’t think this is something that, if we’re supposed to be coming back with a particular recommendation for Senate, I don’t want us to have to get involved with this politics on the backend. I see a ton of ways where this could go left. My concern is that the rest of Exec will also come to the table with this already discussed. I definitely want the people in this room to alter this or defend it to be the people who had the intention of doing so.

Senator Crane -- So it was briefly discussed at Exec. I was later informed that it was going to be discussed at Senate. It was not something that was openly discussed, the CDO’s today at 5PM. It’s difficult to think that it wasn’t done on purpose when CDO’s don’t see it until 5PM. Keep in mind that Exec only represents 9 people.

Senator Bwerevu -- We seriously want to make this happen. We want to talk over any concerns with you. My concern is that this is something that could have been talked to us in office hours, and I feel like we had one-on-one meetings and so forth and I don’t see why this had to happen like this. I don’t see why it’s necessary to have a hierarchy, though.

Senator Crane -- If you have a committee, you need to have a chairperson.

Senator Bwerevu -- I understand your point about having as much of Exec represented, but I just don’t understand why it’s necessary to have every one reiterate the history if that’s the rationale. The treasurer should be the person to voice and speak on that information.

Senator Geschwind -- I want to echo what Senator Bwerevu said and that communication is critical. That the Senators weren’t consulted on this alternative plan and just ambushed with this alternative plan right now is just wrong. There has been no communication. I know they tried to speak with you regarding this resolution and this was not made available, which is just wrong. This is more logistically but it’s obvious that you came into this meeting with the idea of enacting this committee. You should’ve floated this idea before discussion to allow the guests to provide
their opinion on it, rather than having them be silenced when it came in as a motion. I’m not really giving my opinion on this motion but am just saying logistically how we should have done things.

pppp) Senator Lane -- Are we allowed to amend this motion?
qqqq) Parliamentarian -- We have to vote on this first.
rrrr) Senator Murphy -- I wanted to start by apologizing to everyone in this room who may have felt left out by this conversation. I know it may have seemed like it was meant to ambush Senate or keep people’s voices out, but the intention in working on this was that we wanted to bring something close to a finished product and this was never anything that was supposed to be voted on next week. We just wanted to bring something closer first and in the subsequent conversations, the door is open not just for Executive members. I am sorry. However, this is frustrating and disappointing to me because I’ve never seen a lack of communication or a council to debate it. I just can’t help but feel a little bit frustrated especially because it did feel like you planned this alternative way of looking at this. I understand that there are a lot of people represented on that, I just don’t fully understand how that and what it does is necessarily better than the ability to just continue the path that we’re walking on right now and waiting to vote and continuing on the process. It provides the ability to allow stakeholders who are not on Senate or on Exec or any assemblies to be able to have a voice. I just can’t help but feel a bit blindsided which is why I apologized to the CDO’s and or any Senators who felt looped out or blindsided. I just really want to step away from frustrations or feeling confusion or division and just remind us of the heart of this bylaw amendment.

ssss) Senator Savage -- I’m interested in dividing the question into an extension of time and the committee existing itself because I feel strongly that we should have more time to deliberate.

TTTT) Senator Crane -- This motion is to make the committee. The next is to table the motion.

UUUU) Senator Kohanteb -- There’s a set time that the public can come and I think it’s really important that we have everyone there.

VVVV) Senator Gupta -- Just regarding who is present on the committee, I want to voice my support for having Exec on this committee.

WWWW) Senator Chong -- I feel uncomfortable voting on this committee without the public’s input.

XXXX) VP Ackerman -- Debate comes back next week.
YYYY) Parliamentarian -- We go into another discussion after this.
zzzz) Senator Chong -- What do you all think about voting no on this? I feel like from the conversations you’re having, you’re not willing to have that.

aaaaa) Senator Halperin -- I think having everyone who should be a part of the conversation there, I personally am for it and am for having more time to discuss it.

bbbb) Senator Savage -- We still get to vote after this committee comes back, right? I doubt that any group could be a corrupting influence on this committee. I don’t see this as foul play. I see this as getting more information.

cccc) Senator Bwerевu -- I think it’s a good idea in the sense that we’ll have more time and it’ll be more of the same as today just with a larger group. I never knew it was an option to have a committee to discuss things, especially for things in the past, to increase student voices as to how we include student voices.

dddd) Senator Geschwind -- My first question to Senator Crane, I just want to know what you thought was lacking in the resolution that you thought having the Executive Board included would do?

eeee) Senator Crane -- I think the perspective of the CDO’s is that a lot of things need to be ironed out. If we do it now, we’ll have another time and it’s set aside and everyone can have a conversation about it. The funding boards operate in that a lot of the money is grabbed really quickly. Not excluding key players is key and it’s supposed to be very exclusionary. I came up with this plan today.

fffff) Senator Geschwind -- Will it be all members?

ggggg) Senator Crane -- Maybe Fern is not a huge stakeholder.

hhhhh) Senator Lane -- My issue is that clearly this was premeditated on Exec’s behalf and I don’t think that having Exec in on this is necessarily beneficial.

iiiii) Senator Murphy -- I’m feeling a little blindsided. I think what could have been done is if we had finished discussion when we did then tabled the conversation and subsequent vote. If we all are Senators, we were all elected by the student body. I feel like there was another way we could’ve gone about this. I feel like we want to have these conversations. I apologize to all of the people who felt left out of this. I feel like we can get the same benefit from just tabling this and talking it over with important stakeholders.

jjjjj) Senator Geschwind -- So what you’re saying is it would have been better to just table it?

kkkkk) Senator Crane -- The motivation behind the committee is that there is a conversation that would happen but it would not be binding. I totally appreciate that you say that we want to talk about
it more. This is not an equitable conversation. In this meeting, it will be a roundtable. There is no hierarchy there and I want to make sure these conversations can happen there.

Senator Sherman -- I am right now not going to vote for this committee. If next week we're talking about this, where one of the authors like Senator Murphy is the chair, I would be all for that.

11. Voting
   a) Senators in favor (5): Tan, Kohanteb, Halperin, Gupta, Crane
   b) Senators not in favor (7): Sherman, Savage, Murphy, Lane, Geschwind, Chong, Bwerevu
   c) The motion fails to pass (5-7-0)

12. Senator Crane moves that we push further discussion to September 18th.

13. Senator Savage seconds
   a) Debate
      ○ VP Ackerman -- I’m assuming it’s now just going to be an open talk.
      ○ Senator Crane -- I’m not going to say I’m not disappointed because it was my idea, but it was an effort to bring all the stakeholders together. My hope is that we can have all of these conversations then in a roundtable setting.
      ○ Senator Sherman -- I would like to recommend that we vote yes.
   b) Voting
      ○ Motion passes unanimously (12-0-0)

IX. Announcements
   A. VP Ackerman -- Last connection session tomorrow at 9:30, please be there. We can have some great conversations, would love to see some Senators there and any attendees there.

X. Discussion
   A. Anya -- I just want to be completely clear about what this amendment looks like to students. This could have been tabled 3 hours ago and there could have been a decision. This is untransparent, nondemocratic, a front, unquestionably premeditated, and a power play.
   B. Senator Crane -- I meant it to just be something for people to be able to talk. I’m more than happy to speak more about this after. This is not the equitable conversation that we wanted to have.
   C. Mia -- I just want to point out that there’s a problem with having 9 Executive members on this and I’m very frustrated. The reason there’s so much pushback is because you were elected to represent these voices. I feel like I’m being compelled to say this because it’s not being spoken. Just take a moment to think about this and not everyone is for this amendment. Not everybody on the board is for this, let’s just recognize that.
D. VP Ackerman -- Just wanted to say thank you to everyone who said what they said. Every single Executive Board member’s door is open to have conversations. I would love to speak with you all.

XI. Adjournment

A. Senator Sherman moves to adjourn the meeting
B. Senator Chong seconds
C. VP Ackerman adjourns the meeting at 9:46 PM