I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

II. Reading and approval of minutes
   A. Senator Tan moves to approve the minutes
   B. Senator Sherman seconds
   C. Minutes approved as read

III. Approval of the agenda
   A. Senator Murphy moves to amend the agenda
   B. Senator Crane seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Approval of amendment passes unanimously (12-0-0)
   D. Senator Murphy moves to amend the agenda to add Senate Allocation
   E. Senator Crane seconds
   F. Voting
      1. Approval of amendment passes unanimously (12-0-0)
   G. Senator Gupta moves to approve the agenda as amended
   H. Senator Savage seconds
   I. Voting
      1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (12-0-0)

IV. Open Forum
   A. Kurt -- We wanted to talk about an initiative about providing a service for students. There are few states which offer services to notarize. It costs $10. I’ve been talking to friends from my state and other friends.

V. Reports of officers and directors
   A. Debbie Lee, President
      1. Personal Updates
         a) Coffee
         b) Connection -- Trying to be more intentional about receiving and giving love.
         c) Physical self-care
         d) Themes for the month
2. How I Spend 90% of My Time
   a) These are many individuals as I could find in my GCal who I have met with recently. I got to present with Senator Tan.
   b) I currently sit on the Student Wellbeing Council to review wellbeing on this campus. I met with Isaacson Miller. I met with.

3. Projects and Platforms
   a) Wellness Vending Machines -- going to be in King’s Hall, such as ibuprofen, condoms, etc. Will be available 24/7 for students at a subsidized rate.
   b) Food Pantry -- fully in function.
   c) OT 299 -- still in the works of piloting this.
   d) Conversation with Jody Armour -- issues we face in college campuses
   e) Judicial Branch -- apps are still available until next Monday.
   f) Pre-enrollment training
   g) Values Dialogue -- healing in terms of burnout for student leaders
   h) USG Budget Analysis -- how we can advocate for further transparency?

4. Vote -- November 6th!

5. Highlight: Blake Ackerman
   a) Became friends in 2012
   b) Used to water polo
   c) Has great music taste and wore denim for the first time recently
   d) Thank you on public record

B. Rick Keaton, Chief of Staff
   1. Org Updates
      a) Devo -- we are having an orgwide devo → LA Live
         ○ More details will be coming out
      b) Holiday Party -- will be on Tuesday, November 27th in place of our general meeting

   2. Adv Update
      a) External
         ○ Voter competition is underway
         ○ Homelessness Awareness Week -- will take place in November
         ○ Food Pantry outreach
      b) Wellness
         ○ SAGE Partnership
         ○ Tampon vendors
         ○ Wellness vending machines
      c) Academic
         ○ Free printing -- residential halls pilot
         ○ Expanding resources on USC website
Expanding course reader availability

d) Student Safety
   - Meeting with cultural assemblies
   - Meeting with EMSC

e) First-Year
   - Spring Admit access card
   - Spring admit/transfer orientations
   - Student mentorship program -- will hopefully launch within all USC colleges

f) Accessibility
   - Adaptive clothing
   - SAGE partnership
   - Accessibility survey

g) Residential
   - Gender inclusivity
   - Free printing
   - Resources in residential halls

h) Sustainability
   - Green Wall
   - Apartment composting
   - Automatic faucets
   - LED bulbs in residential halls

VI. Presentations
   A. Meagan Lane, Senator
      1. My Senate aide -- from Atlanta, GA → she killed it at the Ben Shapiro event, 1 million views
         a) Currently working on a resolution related to speakers on campus with controversial views
      2. We’re going to start doing a Senate pow-wow
      3. When I’m not doing Senate:
         a) I have a YouTube channel with 2 videos.
         b) I’m also in a sorority. I do lots of community service with them, we did cupcake decorating, and went to the LA AIDS Walk.
         c) I got to see Drake and cried. He even shouted me out at one point.
      4. Updates
         a) I’m continuing to work with Michaela and Manda, as well as Mai Mizuno, to get this Diversity Fund Amendment wrapped up.
         b) I met with a couple of executive administrators from the Hospitality Department and we are trying to turn Cafe 84 into a gaming lounge.
      5. Questions
         a) Senator Chong -- Turning into a painting lounge?
         b) Senator Lane -- Gaming lounge.
c) Senator Kohanteb -- Can you post this link?

d) Senator Lane -- Yes.

B. Michaela Murphy, Senator

1. Senate Aide -- Tate Delgado
   a) He’s a sophomore studying advanced policy analysis.

2. Project Updates
   a) New York Times
   b) Diversity Fund -- language with amendment, as well as committee meetings
   c) VKC -- resolution written last year, removing bust, exhibit in VKC library
   d) Metro passes -- hoping for pilot program that does not cost hundreds of thousands of dollars
   e) Updated resources on Student ID cards

3. New York Times
   a) Working with Comms/Marketing for an official launch
      ○ Shoutout to Truman
      ○ We went live tonight on Instagram
   b) Emailing each academic school to send out information and activate student subscription
   c) Haven’t done an explicit campaign launch yet

4. Personal Updates
   a) SWIL and TAPP -- been a really cool month, we did an immigration panel, law school admissions panel
   b) I really miss my dogs.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders

A. Presentation of Graphics Associate Director
   1. Senator Sherman moves to approve
   2. Senator Geschwind seconds
   3. Voting
      a) Passes unanimously (12-o-0)

B. Black Student Assembly Director Restructuring
   1. Voting
      a) Unanimously approved (12-o-0)

VIII. New Business

A. Absentee Ballot Resolution
   1. Michaela -- As Kurt mentioned earlier, this weekend, we were made aware of the fact that there are a lot of students who not only come from out of state but who come from states where voting is particularly difficult. They are required to send in their absentee ballots notarized. The only place locally where you could get this done was the USC Credit Union at a cost of $10. 35% of undergraduate students at the University of Southern California come from out of state. A number of States require all
submitted absentee ballots to be notarized before being sent to the Secretary of State or County Registrar’s Office, including but not limited to: Alabama, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, and Texas. The USC Credit Union charges a $10 notarization fee. This $10 fee creates a potential barrier for out-of-state students to be able to exercise their fundamental, democratic right to vote. Nearly two-thirds of USC undergraduates receive some sort of financial aid and 4,000 low-income undergraduate students are eligible for Pell Grants. Only 21% of 18- to 24-year-old students voted in the last midterm election in 2014. Our Undergraduate Student Government Constitution charges us to “Foster scholarship in an atmosphere of free and objective inquiry,” but financial barriers render this inquiry costly. Our Undergraduate Student Government Constitution charges us to "Seek and obtain effective communication and relations within the University and external communities,” but notaries can prevent the most basic and fundamental communication: voting. Our Undergraduate Student Government Constitution charges us to “Maintain a forum for expressing students’ diverse views and interests” but financial constraints can silence this expression of views and interests at the polls. In an email communication to the Price School Community on October 16, 2018, Dean Jack Knott of the USC Price School of Public Policy stated that, “Voting is the most fundamental exercise of our democratic rights and the most important way citizens can influence the course of public policy in the country.” The Undergraduate Student Government of the University of Southern California does hereby resolve that the USC Credit Union work with the Undergraduate Student Government to waive this notarization fee for students attempting to get their absentee ballots notarized as soon as possible. Be it further resolved that this resolution be presented to Director of Campus Activities Gabriel Valenzuela, Vice Provost for Student Affairs Ainsley Carry, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Quick, and USC Credit Union Member Relationship Specialist Cecilia Espinoza by the Secretary within 2 weeks of being passed by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate and then forwarded to any additional appropriate personnel. We will also have a coupling presentation about how USG can have a hand in expediting it in this specific election cycle.

2. Senator Kohanteb -- Just because I want to be able to ask my questions, what’s the difference between this one and the one that’s going to come up?

3. Senator Murphy -- The next one is to allocate $300 of our reserve to the USC Credit Union to subsidize this now, for students who need this to be notarized as soon as possible. They also require a 2-week postmark several days before election day. Whether it be a yes or no, we vote on this
tonight so we can get this going tomorrow. At that point, for a few states, it’s too late.

4. Senator Murphy -- If we are trying to suspend Robert’s Rules, do we do that now?
5. Parliamentarian Donahue -- Now.
6. Senator Murphy moves to suspend Robert’s Rules
7. Senator Savage seconds
8. Debate (suspending Robert’s Rules)
   a) Senator Kohanteb -- Does that suspend both or just this one?
   b) Parl Donahue -- Just this one.
   a) Passes unanimously (12-0-0)
10. Voting (resolution)
    a) Passes unanimously (12-0-0)

B. Notary Fee Request
1. Alec -- Unfortunately, some individuals face financial barriers, which we will attempt to address through this funding presentation.
2. The Context
   a) 1/3rd of students at USC are from out of state
   b) At least five have notarization fees ($10)
   c) We also know there is a substantial proportion of low-income students at this university, nearly 2/3rds receive financial aid
   d) General low turnout and voter apathy among students
3. The Ask
   a) We are asking Senate to allocate $300 effective immediately because we don’t want people to have to pay to vote. We would cover 30 students. We are hoping this is the final barrier we could put down.
4. Alec -- Young people matter. Every vote matters. Let’s try to get as many of them as possible.
5. Senator Murphy -- This wouldn’t just be a general ask. We would IR it with the USC Credit Union. If the money doesn’t all get used, it can come back to us. It’s not just a direct IR that we might not have control over.
6. Senator Crane -- I know there were some issues with the Credit Union, what’s the state of the conversation there?
7. Senator Murphy -- We met with them today. While they can’t accept just a blanket IR lump sum, we can set up some kind of account they would just pull the money from. There are definitely ways for this money to get to them. It just can’t be through an IR but they are ready and willing.
8. Briana -- We could really push this and get this done really fast so we could get it in the hands of students.
9. Senator Crane -- How does the timeframe look?
10. Senator Murphy -- We wouldn’t need it to be past November 6th.
11. Senator Crane -- POPI, are we able to approve it?
12. Parliamentarian Donahue -- You're just approving the $300.
13. Senator Murphy -- Even if you can’t conditionally approve it, whatever
doesn’t get used will come back.
14. Senator Kohanteb -- Are any other organizations giving money or is it just
the money coming from Senate?
15. Senator Murphy -- We’re 1/3rd of the way but we haven’t given any
money yet.
16. Alec -- Senate seems like the quickest way to get the money. We could get
this through the gears of the paperwork process very quickly. Senate could
also come out with a strong stance on voting rights.
17. Senator Tan -- Have you considered fundraising that money?
18. Senator Murphy -- If we had known a month ago, maybe we could have.
19. Senator Tan -- I’m just concerned because this doesn’t affect international
students at all.
20. Alec -- This would be waiving the fee. This is the most institutional way.
21. Senator Tan -- Is it not possible?
22. Senator Murphy -- Knowing that we only have a couple of days to institute
this, I don’t know if a couple of Krispy Kreme fundraisers would get us
what we need in the timeframe we need.
23. Briana -- There is also a chance that not all the $300 is used so it would
not be right to fundraise that money.
24. Senator Serhamn -- If there are concerns, we could fundraise that back,
too.
25. Senator Gupta -- Have you asked how many students usually pay each
year?
26. Senator Murphy -- She had mentioned that in the last two days, she had
notarized a few but they can’t release actual numbers.
27. Senator Chong -- For the 5-6 students that have paid the fee, will they get
reimbursed?
28. Alec -- We expect that number to trend high.
29. Senator Geschwind -- I just wanted to thank you. If this does pass, I
assume you’ll advertise this through various social media channels. For
those advertisements, would you say that those postmark deadlines will
be clear in that so that students could know when they should get it in? Do
students have to mention this when they go in?
30. Briana -- It seems like they’d need a letter. There would be a disbursement
process from that letter.
31. Parliamentarian Donahue -- How did you come up with the 30 people
number? Do you think that 30 is sufficient? Are you going to try to get
funds from elsewhere?
32. Senator Murphy -- It just seems like a fair number to ask for in terms of
how much money we’re asking for and in terms of how much money we’re
asking for. On the off-chance we don’t have 50-60 people going through
the credit union, . The 30 students seemed like a reasonable expectation
and a fair ask.

33. Senator Kohanteb -- How are you going to spread the word?
34. Senator Murphy -- Working with comms/media, putting up flyers about
it, etc.
35. Briana -- Also social media. A lot of the students who participated in the
National Voter Day event pledged to vote so it’s a good way to know who it
might help.
36. Senator Geschwind -- Are we expecting a polling place? If the 30 is maxed
out, that could be an alternative.
37. Briana -- There is one in TCC ballroom all day until 8. But I don't know if
that’s an option if we’re talking about out of state students.
38. Alec -- There are free stamps also.
39. Senator Murphy moves to suspend Robert’s Rules
40. Senator Halperin seconds
41. Voting
   a) Passes unanimously (12-0-0)
42. Debate
   a) Senator Tan -- I love that you’re doing this but my concern is that
it doesn’t affect a large portion of the student body. I don’t know if
Senate is the right place for these funds to come out of.
   b) Parl Donahue -- Point of order, debate still runs the same way.
   c) Mae -- I just want to speak on what Jackie just brought up, that
there are students being left out of this, but I think it’s also
important to understand that by doing this, you’re also
empowering international students because what is being voted on
also affects people in other countries. Even though this does not
directly affect them, it allows people here to vote in ways that will
protect them.
   d) Senator Tan -- I definitely understand that and that’s why I’m very
conflicted. Thankfully, we’re in California in a very accepting
campus. But not everyone is willing to do that. I’m just listening to
my community’s thoughts and concerns.
   e) Senator Savage -- I think it would be helpful to talk about how
Senate funds have been used in the past. It wasn’t used until the
end. I’d like to see it be used for tangible impact. This is Senate
money well-spent because there hasn’t been a better option.
   f) Voting
      o Passes unanimously (12-0-0)

IX. Announcements
   A. Senator Crane -- Elections Code is on our website.
   B. Senator Gupta -- Free flu shots at Tommy Trojan tomorrow.
C. Senator Lane -- I'm going to put the Bylaw Amendment my Senate aide and I are working on on the agenda next week.
D. Senator Geschwind -- Are we all shared on that?
E. Senator Lane -- Yup.
F. VP Ackerman -- We'll be partnering with Pause for Paws, we'll be tabling to screen folks for National Depression Screening Day. We'll also be promoting OT 299.

X. Discussion
   A. None

XI. Adjournment
   A. Senator Kohanteb moves to adjourn the meeting
   B. Senator Geschwind seconds
   C. VP Ackerman adjourns the meeting at 7:58 PM