Official Undergraduate Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm, TCC 350
January 15th, 2019

I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

II. Reading and approval of minutes
   A. Senator Lane moves to add Bylaw Amendment to agenda
   B. Senator Bwerevu seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Fails to pass (7-3-0)
   D. Senator Sherman moves to approve the minutes
   E. Senator Kohanteb seconds
   F. Voting
      1. Passes (8-2-0)

III. Approval of the agenda
   A. Senator Savage moves to approve the agenda
   B. Senator Kohanteb seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Approval of agenda passes (8-3-0)

IV. Open Forum

V. Reports of officers and directors
   A. Keisuke Fujiwara, Senior Director of Programming
      1. Hope everyone is doing well under the rain.
      2. Personal/SDOP Update
         a) Assembly incorporation -- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
            Assembly did not get vote of confidence
         b) Working on documentation of Programming Branch.
         c) LSA
dl) SSA
e) PSA
f) SAGE
g) Concerts
h) PAC
i) SEC
j) Trojan Pride

B. Matt Crane, Speaker Pro Tempore

1. Personal Updates
   a) Senior spring -- not too stressed

2. Project Updates
   a) Pushing for student representation on Campus Activities Goals Groups
   b) Working on various bylaw amendments
      ○ Officer accountability
      ○ Redefining role of speaker pro tempore
      ○ Spring Re-allocation committee
   c) Team Health and Safety
      ○ Conference on Bystander Intervention with RSVP
         (a) 15-20 students
         (b) 20-25 staff/faculty
         (c) Planning education for campus leaders
         (d) Planning legislation to make education mandatory
         (e) First Aid/CPR Education for RA’s

VI. Presentations

A. Meagan Lane, Senator

1. Personal Updates
   a) I went to the PAC-12 conference championship. They paid for my hotel and food.
   b) I went to the Dominican Republic over break.

2. Project Updates
   a) Diversity Fund
   b) Speakers Amendment
      ○ Ben Shapiro was a crapshoot last semester so we are trying to create some rules and guidelines for students to challenge what kinds of events USG is able to promote.
   c) Student Lounge Space
      ○ I’ve been talking to Hospitality about that.
   d) Black Student Recruitment
      ○ I care about bringing more black kids to campus. I’ve been the only black kid in a majority of my classes. I’m working with Admissions on that.
   e) Cross-Campus Cultural Conference
      ○ Working to bring campuses together and have fellowship and promote diversity and inclusion.
   f) GED Testing
      ○ Working with Civic Engagement to allow people around campus to take the GED test for free.

B. Michaela Murphy, Senator
1. Personal Updates
   a) Life -- still gardening, turned 21 over break. Will be speaking at Citizen’s Climate Lobby in February.
   b) TAPP -- currently accepting advocate applications. We are doing a whole week of recruitment events.
   c) SWIL -- we are currently accepting new member applications and also E-Board apps for our VP of Public Relations.
   d) Tate Delgado
      ○ Recently became Internal VP of TAPP
      ○ Working on First Year Mentorship
      ○ Helping lead Metro and Unionizing Initiatives

2. Project Updates
   a) VKC -- sitting on task force to talk about symbols and monuments
      ○ Working with TAPP on media program
   b) Metro Passes
      ○ Re-evaluating current proposal, setting up meetings with GSG, Metro, and Department of Transportation.
   c) Unionizing -- seem to be a lot of student workers who feel that they are not being well-supported by the institutions on campus which employ us
      ○ Meeting with organizers, campus workers, representatives from USC to see if there’s an appropriate model
   d) ID Cards
      ○ Working to bring the project over the finish line
   e) Summer Leadership Stipend
      ○ Working to develop needs-based fee waiver program for students housing and meals over summer
   f) NYTimes
      ○ Program membership is continuing to grow but has slowed down -- currently evaluating new outreach methods

3. Brief Overview of Projects
   a) SGS
      ○ Collaborating with Truman, Christopher, and Trenton to host the next SGS Symposium. Expecting membership from UC’s, Pitzer, Occidental, etc.
   b) Housing Insecurity
      ○ Reaching out to campus organizations like Trojan Shelter to look into better ways of supporting them
   c) Absentee Ballots
      ○ Over 40 people used it

VII. Unfinished business and general orders
    A. None

VIII. New Business
A. None

IX. Announcements
   A. None

X. Discussion
   A. None

XI. Adjournment
   A. Senator Savage moves to adjourn the meeting
   B. Senator Geschwind seconds
   C. VP Ackerman adjourns the meeting at 7:22 PM