Official Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, TCC 350
January 8th, 2019

I. Call to order
   A. Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM

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

III. Approval of the agenda
   A. Senator Sherman moves to approve the agenda
   B. Senator Kohanteb seconds
   C. Voting
      1. Approval of agenda passes unanimously (12-0-0)

IV. Open Forum
   A. None

V. Reports of officers and directors
   A. Debbie Lee, President
      1. I will be giving my January update as well as a quick summary of how 2018 went for me.
      2. Personal Life
         a) I got some sleep this break, which is revolutionary and cutting down to two cups of coffee.
         b) I spent time with family.
         c) A 2019 resolution is to read 6 new books for fun.
            ○ Book rec: “Pachinko” by Min Jin Lee
      3. 2018 Progress Update
         a) Food Pantry -- just finished 2018 review, have an overwhelming number of volunteers, we have a wonderful GA
         b) THRIVE -- OT 299
            ○ Currently at 70 and hoping to have more
         c) Civic Engagement
            ○ Recently revamped that relationship and now have weekly meetings with them
Will be collaborating on Economic Development Summit, Good Neighbors, etc.

d) Sustainability -- learning more about energy conservation, waste diversion, and water conservation on campus

e) Hospitality -- Food recovery partnership with the St. Francis Center. New disposal system where students have to scrape food into trash before putting on conveyor belt

f) Ombuds Office -- another source for conflict and wellness

g) Wellness vending machines -- will be fully in service by the end of the month

h) Free menstrual -- proposal in drafting process

i) Budget Review -- looking for discounts and lower rates

j) #Turkey4AllStudents -- ensure students on campus had Thanksgiving dinner

k) Branching Out -- branching what USG networks look like, moving beyond traditional campus partners

l) Building Bridges -- continuing to work on strengthening cultural resource centers, had opportunity to meet director of those centers and hoping to collaborate further

m) Preferred Name on myUSC -- meeting with Frank Chang to launch beta version of preferred names on myUSC

n) Engemann -- working closely with Counseling Center to improve student health experience. Expansion of 29 total staff members.

o) Free Blue Books -- still available, distributed to cultural resource centers, and looking for other avenues to distribute (libraries, Community House, etc.)

p) Conversation Series -- joint project to have conversation spaces with faculty, staff, students on specific topics (i.e. free speech on college campuses)

q) Student Well-being Council -- sitting on university-wide council formed to evaluate well-being initiatives

r) Trojan Council -- presidents of GSG, Academic Senate, and Staff Assembly -- collaborate on relevant issues

s) President’s Culture Commission -- launched by President Austin’s office to reevaluate and improve culture from the inside out. Starting with a values assessment.

t) Joint Task Force on Sexual Harassment -- charged to review and clarify the sexual harassment policies on campus

u) Presidential Search -- should be well underway with interviewing and screening candidates. Update meeting to follow soon.

v) BoT, BoG -- maintaining relationships with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. Trying to take advantage of that.

4. What’s Next
a) Meetings on meetings
b) Opportunities for more
   ○ Symbols/Monuments Task Force/Council
   ○ Values Assessment
   ○ University Organization Chart -- so many different departments, want to organize it for future USG members
c) On-hold Platform Points
   ○ Speed bumps on the row -- has to be dealt with through the LA city
   ○ USC Transportation/parking options -- haven’t had much time so hoping to invest more into this this semester
   ○ Rest and meditation spaces on campus -- redoing 5th floor of Engemann
   ○ Digitized course readers -- started this when I was a Senator
5. What I Hope Spring 2019 Will Look Like
   a) Building relationships and encouraging a healthy culture
   b) Laying down infrastructure and foundation -- relationships and institutional knowledge
   c) Wrapping up platform points
   d) Passing the baton
6. Questions
   a) Senator -- How will look like for replacement of Dr Carrey?
   b) Debbie -- We just met with him. He’ll be with us until end of April. I believe the search process will be inclusive of students.
B. Rick Keaton, Chief of Staff (Debbie Lee -- proxy)
   1. Debbie
      a) Just to let you all know, something that’s new is I will be co-leading the advocacy meetings.
      b) Rick has been very busy planning our Spring Retreat, starting this Sunday at 9am.
      c) Today, we shared some initiatives and projects we hope to work on.
VI. Presentations
   A. Jillian Halperin, Senator
      1. Personal Updates
         a) Elected VP of Chapter Development of her sorority
         b) Foster dog got adopted
         c) Traveled to DC for the first time
         d) Graduated Sinai Scholars
         e) Visited grandma in SF
      2. Project Updates
         a) ID Cards
○ Working with my amazing team, Gabe, GSG, and USCard Services to finalize the design after getting feedback and requested numbers for final approval by USC Admin
  b) Bystander Intervention Training
   ○ Got funding and working with RSVP -- $20K program
   ○ Training for student leaders to implement that in the community and hopefully shift campus culture

3. Questions
   a) Senator Tan -- Is that Obama's portrait?
   b) Senator Halperin -- Yes, it was in the National Gallery.

B. Shayan Kohanteb, Senator
   1. Winter Break
      a) Was in DC
      b) Went to Astroworld
      c) Went to Bat Mitzvah for cousin
      d) Found an old picture of me in a USC shirt
      e) Christmas in Nazareth
   2. Senatorial Business
      a) I.D.E.A -- new assembly but did not work
      b) Fryft -- coming this semester
      c) HolyDay -- working with Dean Soni in order to get religious accommodations for students
      d) Good luck to everyone running!
   3. Questions
      a) Guest -- so the first initiative, what is that?
      b) Senator Kohanteb -- Free Lyft runs from 7 to 1 or 2. When the sun goes down, it's unsafe for it to stop. We want to expand the area, as well.

VII. Unfinished business and general orders
   A. None

VIII. New Business
   A. None

IX. Announcements
   A. VP Ackerman -- OT 299 THRIVE, student-created class, I'm a THRIVE alumni now. If you have the time, please consider taking it.
   B. Senator Kohanteb -- The conference Jillie mentioned, it would be for training with faculty on leadership. It's on February 23rd at USC.

X. Discussion
   A. None

XI. Adjournment
   A. Senator Sherman moves to adjourn the meeting
   B. Senator Tan seconds
   C. VP Ackerman adjourns the meeting at 7:25 PM