

# Official USC Undergraduate Student Government Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2007  
Topping Student Union 205

## Executive Cabinet

Mr. Sahil Chaudry, President  
Mr. Max Slavkin, Vice President  
Mr. Matt Heins, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Caitlin Mattias, Senior Director of Communications  
Mr. Justin Gordon, Parliamentarian

## Senators

Brittany Breed, Residential  
Michael Kahn, Residential  
Chintan Sutaria, Residential  
Kevin Webb, Residential  
Jonathan Yuen, Residential  
Calvin Cha, Residential  
Mark Atchley, Commuter  
Deara Okonkwo, Commuter  
Kirsten Singer, Commuter  
Ashley Howell, Greek  
Dillon Nichols, Greek

## Directors

Caterina Paun, Deputy Director of Technology  
Ashwin Appiah, Assistant Director of Communications  
Jennifer Rossol, Assistant Director of Communications  
Melissa Mansfield, Director of Academic Affairs  
Phil Ehret, Assistant Director of Academic Affairs  
Lydia Brantley, Assistant Director of Community Affairs  
David Livingston, Assistant Director of Campus Affairs  
Holden Slusher, Assistant Director of Campus Affairs  
Paul Jansson, Director of Residential Affairs  
Jonathan Mekeel, Co-Director of Elections and Recruitment  
Mike Drachkovitch, Co-Director of Elections and Recruitment  
Chris Becker, Director of Discretionary Fund  
Henry Pfirrmann, Assistant Treasurer

## Program Board

Amy Wan, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

- Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

II. Approval of Agenda

- Senator Webb moves to approve the agenda
- Senator Cha seconds
- Agenda approved

III. Approval of Minutes

- Senator Nichols moves to approve the minutes from 9/25/07
- Senator Atchley seconds
- No objections
- Minutes approved

IV. Presentations

- No Presentations

V. Officer Reports

**Item A: Caitlin Mattias, Sr. Director of Communications**

- The university has offered to create and fund the off-campus housing website
  - Residential affairs meeting tomorrow night to discuss
- AIDS Walk is coming up on October 21, sign up
- Two surveys are circulating by University Affairs, so please fill them out and forward them to people you know

**Item B: Brian Brett, Treasurer**

- Applications for fall funding are due Friday
  - The final amount to be allocated is \$45,177
  - Last year, the amount was about \$3,000 larger
- Tuesday, all completed applications will present to Senate, and a budgeting committee will propose a slate
- We'll get more allocations in the Spring, though it will be a smaller number

**Item C: Matthew Heins, Chief of Staff**

- I'd like to speak on the dates for the Elections Code
- If we push elections code back more than one week, there are fears that the new administration will not be able to hire a staff for the upcoming year

**Item D: Max Slavkin, Vice President**

- Update on projects:
- Concert for Darfur
  - Right now, very little has been done, but the ultimate goal is a week with lectures, screenings, etc. educating about Darfur, culminating in a concert at the Galen Center

- We'd like to spend time going to Student Organizations asking for support and donations for the project
- Speakers and Concerts Directors of Program Board are working on a proposal
- Sustainability
  - This Thursday we're having a meeting with student organizations who have expressed interest in sustainability
  - Housing will soon talk about new changes that have been made in residential halls to support sustainability (recycling, etc)
  - We will continue talking with staff to do an audit on sustainability
- Off-Campus Housing
  - The website is a big accomplishment, the University is going to host and fund the website
  - The Tenants Association will be expanded to be broader to include the whole community

#### VI. Senator Reports

##### **Item A: Michael Kahn, Residential Senator**

- Tribute to Troy events
  - I want to have more events to bring the campus together, so we're trying to amplify current events that exist already, and have them once a month
- Working on hospitality issues with other Senators
  - We'd like to extend hours of dining halls, get a takeout option, and a smaller meal plan
- I've been tabling on Trousdale Tuesdays and Wednesdays to hear from our constituencies

#### VII. Director Reports

- No Director Reports

#### VIII. Advisor Reports

- No Advisor Reports

#### IX. Old Business

- No Old Business

#### X. New Business

##### **Item A: Confirmation of Dates in 2007-2008 Elections Code**

- Key dates:
  - Voting dates are now a week later (Feb 19-21)
  - Letter of intent date is the same, but every other significant date is moved back one week
- Unofficial results are announced after ballots are counted (paper and online)
- Official results are the product of Student Affairs approving the numbers and making sure no foul play occurred

- Senator Sutaria moves to confirm the Dates in 2007-2008 Elections Code
- Senator Singer seconds
- Dates in 2007-2008 Elections Code Passes by 2/3 majority

#### XI. Announcements

- Wan
  - Friday, DKA Film Series is showing Pirates of the Caribbean
  - Saturday, Trojan Pride is holding a YouTube competition
- Mattias – There will be a Student Organization retreat to educate on how to run an organization effectively
  - Campus Activities is responsible, so let anyone know if they are part of an organization that might be interested
- Sutaria – Academic Honors Society is still recruiting

#### XII. Adjournment

- Senator Sutaria moves to adjourn
- Senator Howell seconds
- No Objections
- Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM