

**Date:** September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Location:** Tangeman University Center, Room 425

- Senate was called to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- The University of Cincinnati Alma Mater was sung.
- Roll call was completed.
- Acknowledgments were given.
- Motion was approved for the Senate meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **Special Order**

- Dr. Gigi Escoe, Vice Provost for Undergraduates Studies and Interim Dean of the Division of Experience-Based Learning and Career Education, spoke on behalf of the Higher Learning Commission. See the attachment below for a summary of Dr. Escoe's presentation.

#### **Comments from the Gallery**

- The members of the Gallery were acknowledged.
- No comments were heard from the Gallery.

#### **Reports**

##### **Speaker of the Senate, Vineela Kunapareddi**

- Sorry I cannot be there tonight, I have a potential job interview going on.
- If you need help writing bills please reach out.

##### **Student Body President, Sinna Habteselassie**

- No report.

##### **Student Body Vice President, Umaize Savanni**

- Bird Bill
- Forming group for Homecoming float, we are registered as having a vehicle
- Any cool opportunities that come up are going to be based on those who fill out the stuff we are sending out and are responsive
- What to rename OneStop
- SGO/Campus feedback form
- Food Trucks are Red Sesame & TBD
- Free Early movie premiere at Newport

##### **Internal Holdover Senator, Audrey Torrence**

- Tribunal retreat went well!
- Allocated \$335 to CoM Tribunal
- Funding requests for events through October 5<sup>th</sup> are due by Friday at 8pm.

### External Holdover Senator, Chandler Rankin

- Working on a Co-Sponsorship for Nearly Naked Mile
- If you have any feedback on how to improve Committee Meetings or initiatives, be sure to share with myself and/or your Committee Chair!
- Athletics Committee Initiatives: Student Section Promo/Hype Video, SG/Athlete Meet & Greet, Game Attendance Incentives
- Next meeting will be Sunday at 6:30pm (SGO) and we'll break into teams for each initiative. Anyone is welcome!
- Please help share the Committee Meeting info that I sent out on Monday!
- If you want to help SG register voters, please attend the Governmental Affairs meeting next Monday at 6:00pm for a brief orientation.
- Sign-up sheet for SG voter registration tabling will come out next week from Governmental Affairs Chair Cassidy Peebles. We will be on MicMicken Commons from Tuesday-Thursday. Please sign up when it comes out!
- Governmental Affairs is also working on pamphlets to educate students about local, state, and federal issues

### Treasurer, Sabari Subramanian

- Office Hours are posted on the SG Office:
  - Monday: 3:30 – 5:00pm
  - Tuesday: 11:00 – 12:00n (Jim Ohler)
  - Wednesday: 3:00 – 5:00pm
  - Friday: 10:15 – 11:14am
- Budget Spreadsheet:

<b>Encumbered</b>	:	\$12 605.10	14.72%
<b>Disbursed</b>	:	\$05 183.47	6.05%
<b>Balance</b>	:	\$73 012.90	85.28%

### Student Trustee, Alberto Jones

- No report.

#### Executive Nominations

- Kish Richardson was nominated for the position of Legislative Aide for the Governmental Affairs Committee. The nomination was voted on and passed.

#### Committee and Board Reports

### Student Activities Board

- No report.

### Student Safety Board

- No report.

## **University Funding Board**

- Sorry, I'm not in attendance y'all. Today is Yom Kippur.
- UFB has chosen our new members – we now sit at full board capacity!
- G'mar Hatimah Tovah!

## **Resident Hall Association**

- Family weekend is this weekend!
- Glow Fest is Friday, 8:30pm-11pm in TUC Great Hall
- Family Fun Day is Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm on Schneider Quadrangle.

## **Tribunal Reports**

### **Arts and Sciences Tribunal**

- No report.

### **CAHS Tribunal**

- First meeting was a big success! Our second meeting is on Medical Campus at 6:30 this Thursday!
- Tribunal Tailgate is this Friday from 1-3pm in front of French East, come check it out!
- Fun Fact: 1 in 20 people have an extra rib, they are most often men.

### **CEAS Tribunal**

- Hello everyone! Sorry I couldn't make it out. I am helping set-up for the Technical Career Fair tomorrow. The Professional Career Fair was today and I'm positive it was a success.
- We are seeking volunteers for the Technical Career Fair so please reach out if you're free (we will give you lunch!) – Logan Lindsay, [lindsaln@mail.uc.edu](mailto:lindsaln@mail.uc.edu)

### **CECH Tribunal**

- Tribunal Elections took place on 9/17 and it was a hit!
- Congratulations to the following:
  - Secretary: Yashovar Chilupuri, IT, Sophomore
  - Campus Outreach: Katie Whitely, MCE, Junior; Maggie Kelley, ECE, Freshmen
  - Faculty Relations: Gianna Glassner, CJ, Sophomore
  - Senator: Briana Sharp, Health Promo. & Edu., Junior (!!)
- Go Bearcats! <3

### **CCM Tribunal**

- No report.

### **DAAP Tribunal**

- Held elections for Marketing and Social Media Chair – Congrats to Olivia Cassinelli and Gabrielle Stefanko!
- Formed committees and strategized for upcoming events

- Office Hours: 1-2pm Tuesdays in the DAAP Library

#### **LCB Tribunal**

- No report.

#### **College of Medicine Tribunal (CoM)**

- No report.

#### **Nursing Tribunal**

- We have access to our shots for the free clinic!
- Fun Fact: When you blush, your stomach lining also turns red.

### **At-Large-Senator Reports**

#### **Senator Ty Bealer**

- No report.

#### **Senator Jamie Benson**

- No report.

#### **Senator Donald Crump Jr.**

- No report.

#### **Senator Caroline Lembright**

- Moving forward with the Menstrual Products initiative, I had a call with Go Aunt Flo Tuesday afternoon.
- Continuing to work on LGBTQ Friendly Housing initiative with the chair for LGBTQ Affairs and fellow senators

#### **Senator Abbie Smith**

- In the process of picking back up where we left off a few months ago with the student homelessness action team stuff. HMU if you'd like to get involved!!!

#### **Senator Sheffi Tiwari**

- No report.

#### **Senator Natalie Trent**

- No report.

#### **Senator Abbie Weiler**

- No report.

## Discussions

### Old Business:

- There were no bills slated for discussion as Old Business.

### New Business

- S.19-A-014 Concerning the “Ohio Latino Student Summit” hosted by the Office of Ethnic Programs and Services, UC Blue Ash, UC Division of Student Affairs and Latinos En Accion
  - A motion was made to grant speaking privileges to Gallery member Director of Ethnic & Cultural Affairs Mindy Bediako for the duration of the discussion of the bill S.19-A-014. The motion passed.
  - This appropriation bill outlines the Ohio Latino Student Summit and Latinos En Accion, a representative student group for the Latino/Hispanic population at UC whose purpose is “to make a positive impact by serving the Latino students and community by bringing awareness of cultural issues, providing a support system, and celebrating the diverse Latino culture.”
  - The appropriation bill goes on to discuss Ohio Latino Student Summit 2018, an event being hosted by The Office of Ethnic Programs and Service, UC Blue Ash, UC Student Affairs and Latinos En Accion, occurring on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> in Tangeman University Center.
  - The appropriation bill goes on to talk about the networking session of the Ohio Latino Student Summit, the closing event that will help bring together and connect student leaders from the University of Cincinnati, high schoolers, and other members of the surrounding community; the Ohio Latino Student Summit is expected to draw a crowd of 200 attendees (mostly comprised of students) and 50+ [sic] at the networking event.
  - This appropriation bill focused on obtaining the appropriation of \$200.85 to be allocated from the “Co-sponsorships” line item of the FY2019 Student Government Budget to be used in funding the costs of drinks and food during the networking session at the summit.
  - The appropriation bill was discussed and was voted on, with a vote of 24 – 0 – 0.
- S.19-A-015 Concerning the allocation of funding for promotional materials for Undergraduate Student Government
  - This appropriation bill outlines the rebranding of Undergraduate Student Government that took place over the summer.
  - This appropriation bill states that purchasing branded promotional materials would dramatically increase the presence and recognition of Undergraduate Student Government on campus; the bill states that promoting and maintaining the Student Government Brand is an obligation of the organization’s constitution.
  - The bill lists further details about the appropriation, including that phone wallets, stickers, mirror clings, and member polos would enhance marketing efforts and inherently the accessibility of Undergraduate Student Government.
  - This appropriation bill focused on obtaining the appropriation of \$2 888.88 with a 10% overrun of \$288.98; a total of \$3 178.73 to be allocated from the FY2019 Student

Government Budget to be used in purchasing new branding materials for Undergraduate Student Government.

- The appropriation bill was discussed and was voted on, with a vote of 25 – 0 – 0.
- S.19-R-007 Concerning the safe and responsible use of Bird Scooters on campus
  - A motion was made to grant speaking privileges to Gallery member Campus Life Committee Chair Kyle Shuja for the duration of the discussion of the bill S.19-R-007. The motion passed.
  - This resolution bill centers around Bird, a dockless last-mile electric scooter-share company based in Santa Monica, CA.
  - The resolution bill states that the University of Cincinnati prides itself on being a sustainable progressive public institution that strives to have the most efficient transportation accommodations available to all students.
  - The bill also includes a simplified description of Bird for the purposes of discussion, in that: “Bird is a last-mile electric scooter dedicated to bringing low-cost, environmentally friendly transportation solutions to colleges and universities across the U.S.”
  - The bill also mentions the following details:
    - The University [of Cincinnati] can determine appropriate on-campus regulations, including no-ride zones, no-parking zones, and on-campus speed limits, assuring that assistive and accessible areas on campus won’t be occupied by Bird scooters
    - Bird can provide free helmets to students and a robust insurance policy will put all liability on Bird
  - This resolution bill focused on obtaining the support of Undergraduate Student Senate for a plan to donate any remaining funds, after other committed disbursements, to the Bearcat Pantry.
  - The resolution bill was discussed and was voted on, with a vote of 24 – 0 – 0.
- Discussion was opened up on the topic of CampusLink. During discussion, the following points were brought up:
  - How to manage events
  - Sending emails to organizations listserv
  - How to search for, and fill out, forms located on Campuslink
- Discussion was opened up on the topic of Accountability. During discussion, the following points were stated:
  - Part of the job description of everyone’s role is to promote and uphold the SG brand
  - We just invested a large amount of our budget towards being able to do this and we are investing in providing apparel for everyone this year, which has not been done in the past
  - We have a ton of responsibility and there are many students who ran for or applied for the positions we’re in
  - We should not have trouble getting people to sign up for things like tabling and volunteering
  - It’s an easy way to interact with the constituents who elected you to be here
  - Attending Student Government events is also something that everyone should be doing. Everything is on the Student Government Calendar

- Establishing a point system would not be beneficial for our organization
- Grounds of impeachment could be one way to get Student Government to take things more seriously
- Informal settings could allow for more bonding between members and encourage more participation
- Relationship building and internal accountability are two separate things and should be addressed as such
- Establishing better and more clear expectations for all members
- Sending out a survey to all members to see when different people would be available for things
- Having a Google Sheet with all of the upcoming events and sign-up slots. We could track attendance by noting the people who attended and who did not

### Announcements

- The new SG website went up! ([ucstudentgov.org](http://ucstudentgov.org))
- RSVP for the informal Tennessee trip that is happening November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.
- University Honors Program has an open house Friday from 12:30-2:30pm in Swift 700. Free pizza will be provided.
- Miss Kuamka Lauren White is holding a book drive for her LEGACY initiative. Donate if you have any new or gently used books
- Retreat for Sky@UC is this weekend. Registration is still available at [sky@uc.org](mailto:sky@uc.org)
- Senator Crump has iCats flyers if people are interested
- Midwest Dhamaka applications are open for three more days
- Make sure you are registered to vote. College Democrats is hosting Kathleen Clyde, Secretary of State candidate from
- Boldly Bearcat is the UC Foundation's campaign for the Bicentennial and their Champion Application will be coming out soon. President Habteselassie will send something out
- Be on the lookout for sign-ups for tabling for registering voters
- If you are interested in helping Senator Tiwari start a chapter of AISICE at UC, please get in contact with her and send anyone her way that would be interested

### Attachments

- **Special Order Presentation – Dr. Gigi Escoe on Higher Learning Commission**
  - 10-year accreditation review begins this year for UC
  - Process ensures that we have adequate technology, resources, faculty & staff, we're committed to quality education and our mission
  - Survey was sent out to students in the spring about feedback on the quality of education
  - Average scores/responses were above satisfactory for all of the questions

- Higher Learning Commission meeting will be on September 24th from 1:30-2:30 pm in Annie Laws
  - Meeting will consist of a time to get feedback from students on a variety of things such as campus services, technology, advising, etc.
  - Dr. Escoe asks that if you attend you tell the truth and refrain from speaking if you do not truly know the answer
  - University of Cincinnati did well compared to other universities—main concern seemed to be some periodic lapses in technology, but the general consensus was very positive
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- **Original Senate Meeting Minutes – 9.19.18, recorded by External Holdover Senator Chandler Rankin**

[9.19.18 Senate Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)