

Date: October 10th, 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 October 3rd, 2018.

Special Order

- Special Order presentations were given by the following organizations:
 - UCIT Governance
 - UC Public Safety
 - Teach for America

Comments from the Gallery

- No comments were heard from the Gallery.
- Various members of the Gallery spoke on the topic of **accountability**.

Reports

Speaker of the Senate, Vineela Kunapareddi

- Ways and Means on the 16th from 6-8pm.
- Title IX presenting next week.
- Dr. Mayo will be presenting UC's Gender-Based Violence prevention plan next week.
- Starting to work on Trustee Selection Committee. Updates to follow after next week.
- Happy Reading Days!

Student Body President, Sinna Habteselassie

- Mental Health
- Collaborating (P+VP) with the Co-Directors of Health and Wellness on our Love Yourself Campaign for Mental Health Awareness Month.
- 200 Reasons Why UC Should Be Stigma Free UC video coming soon and filming next week.
- Future appropriation bill to sponsor extra CAPS sessions for Mental Health Awareness Month
- Scholarships
- Working with the Director of Scholarships to enhance our OneStop Scholarship Portal for Bearcats
- Rideshare Platform
- Meeting with Uber tomorrow

Student Body Vice President, Umaize Savanni

- No food trucks, we had them yesterday for Student Day.
- 24 Hour Prayer room in the works
- SG Homecoming Parade was successful (we should've won)
- Re-Grand opening of Bearcat Pantry (With Professional Clothing) opening next Wednesday at 11:00am at Stratford Heights Building 16
- Warren Bennis Leadership Experience Bill
- Fill out post retreat survey plz

Internal Holdover Senator, Audrey Torrence

- Senators + Tribunal exec should have received a very very very important email last night. I need a response by Friday at the latest. I know it's last-minute but for real, I need a response.
- Help me hang up mirror clings!

External Holdover Senator, Chandler Rankin

- UCFM Bill on the table – Date of the event is Thursday, October 18th from 10am – 2pm. Should the bill pass, we need at least 10 volunteers to help out with this event.
- Over 600 voters were registered by SG and partner orgs during our week of tabling, woohoo! Now working on poll transportation and issues hot cards.
- Also on the note of 600, we also ran through 600 SG cookies for HC Friday last week in 2 hours. Shoutout to the Athletics Committee members who helped plan it!
- Director Dierking along with Senators Bealer and Patel are working on changing the fight song lyrics to be gender inclusive – bill will be presented next week.
- Office of Gender Equity & Inclusion presenting at Senate next week

Treasurer, Sabari Subramanian

- Have a great fall break!
- Budget Spreadsheet:

Encumbered	:	\$20 013.99	23.38%
Disbursed	:	\$13 887.98	16.22%
Balance	:	\$65 604.01	76.62%

Student Trustee, Alberto Jones

- First Board of Trustees meeting at the iHub, October 16, 8am! Go see the facility again!
- Go share your #BoldlyBearcat! Go to 200.uc.edu

Executive Nominations

- Casmir Thornberry was nominated for the position of Associate Justice Nominee. The nomination will be discussed and voted on at a future date.
- Vineela Kunapareddi was nominated for Senior 100.

Committee Reports

Campus Life Committee

- No report.

Equity & Inclusion Committee

- No report.

Governmental Affairs Committee

- No report.

Student Rights & Interests Committee

- No report.

Board Reports

Student Activities Board

- No report.

Student Safety Board

- No report.

University Funding Board

- No report.

Resident Hall Association

- No report.

Tribunal Reports

Arts and Sciences Tribunal

- No *submitted* report.
- A&S Week coming soon!
- Movie Night on Monday in Nippert Field!!!! Go be there!

CAHS Tribunal

- Therapy Dog event with 4 Paws for Ability in French East 10/16 from 11-1pm!
- Fun Fact: The end of your spinal cord branches out into single nerves and is known as the Cauda Equina because it closely resembles a horse's tail.

- Next meeting is October 22!
- Therapy Dogs next Tuesday French East 10-2pm #pawsitibity
- CAN I GET A HOIYAH

CCM Tribunal

- No report.

CEAS Tribunal

- Interim Dean Orkwits came to our general meeting on Monday to answer some questions about the college.
- Attention DAAP students: (or anyone else interested) We are looking for someone to take professional headshots for CEAS Students. We can pay you \$300 to come take pictures and edit them. We have hired DAAP students for this in the past and would love to continue the trend. We would prefer you to have a backdrop but if not we can always get one for the photoshoot. Please email me at lindsaln@mail.uc.edu if interested.
- I (Logan Lindsay) have been working w/ Sinna and Umaize on the Cincy Startup Fair initiative and I am in the process of creating a website for it! Progress: <http://tribunal.uc.edu/CincyStartupFair/company.html>

CECH Tribunal

- IMPACT program discussion has begun!
- New CECH Tribunal Brochures are LIT!
- Criminal Justice Faculty Panel planning beginning for November (Much more info to come!).
- "Stop focusing on how stressed you are and remember how blessed you are." <3
- Go Bearcats + enjoy Reading Days off! <3

College of Medicine Tribunal (CoM)

- New faculty relations committee co-heads!
- Tribunal exec. retreat went very well!
- Have fun on reading days and be safe! Go bearcats!

College of Nursing Tribunal (CoN)

- Enjoying that four-time float champion title
- Hey y'all :) 🏆 4 time champs! We were excited to start Mental Health Awareness week with a collaborative meeting with SNA and Men in Nursing! We had a guest speaker on Monday, and on Tuesday we had therapy dogs (we love the doggos, so cute)! We will be having the flu shot fliers done soon, so Emma and I will forward those along to everyone to post everywhere. Happy reading days!

DAAP Tribunal

- Voted to fund Turbo Vote and selected a logo for the design contest

LCB Tribunal

- Happy Fall Break/Reading Days and Go Bearcats!

At-Large-Senator Reports

Senator Ty Bealer

- No report.

Senator Jamie Benson

- No report.

Senator Donald Crump Jr.

- No report.

Senator Caroline Lembright

- Met with a representative from American Association of Professors to discuss working together in the future.
- Thank you to all who endorsed and helped write the IMPACT Bill.
- Meeting with Dr. Mayo earlier today to discuss Identity Inclusive Housing.
- Thank you to all who came to Capture the Flag!

Senator Abbie Smith

- Following up with Provost Office about faculty mental health training
- Discussing with a few non-SGers about how sexual assault resources can potentially be integrated into UC app.

Senator Sheffi Tiwari

- No report.

Senator Natalie Trent

- No report.

Senator Abbie Weiler

- No report.

Discussions

Old Business:

- **S.19-A-019 Concerning the Fashion/Talent Show during SDIC's Diversity Week**
 - On behalf of Treasurer Sabari Subramanian, speaking privileges were given to Gallery members SDIC President Avani Kabra and External Vice President of SDIC Venkat Suru for the duration of the discussion of the bill S.19-A-019 on October 3rd, 2018.

- This appropriation bill focuses on the Fashion/Talent Show occurring during Diversity Week, hosted by the Student Diversity and Inclusion Council.
- The appropriation bill goes on to explain both the Student Diversity and Inclusion Council and Diversity Week, discussing them as such:
 - The Student Diversity and Inclusion Council (SDIC) advocates for diverse voices, to create spaces for discussion in order to foster inclusion, to implement innovative approaches to promote equity on campus, and to develop a sense of community among all students at the University of Cincinnati
 - Diversity Week, an event hosted by SDIC, aims to give UC students and organizations a place & time dedicated to exploring and showcasing their own identities and those of others, and building community between different groups
 - Similar Diversity Week events that have been held at other universities have proven successful in the past, notably events at Miami University and the University of Akron
- The appropriation bill includes further details about the event, including logistics and intended use of appropriated money:
 - Diversity Week will occur from October 22nd to October 26th, 2018.
 - The culminating program of Diversity Week will occur on Friday, October 26th, 2018, being the Fashion/Talent Show. It will take place at McMicken Commons and allow an opportunity for students to showcase a talent or important part of their identity on stage.
 - Tickets for the Fashion/Talent show would be \$5.00 and each organization participating could advertise for the event and keep track of how many tickets they've sold, in a friendly competition to see which organization can get the most people to attend the event.
 - Any money these organizations raise from the tickets would go straight to a charity of that organization's choice.
 - Barring the appropriation of money, a stage would allow a proper platform for students to perform their talent and would contribute to the success of the event.
- This appropriation bill focused on obtaining the appropriation of \$1 000.00 with no 10% overrun; a total of \$1 000.00 to be allocated from the "Co-Sponsorships" line item of the FY2019 Student Government Budget to be used in funding of a stage at the Fashion/Talent Show during SDIC's Diversity Week.
- The appropriation bill went into executive session.
- The appropriation bill was tabled for one week on Oct 3, 2018.
- The appropriation bill was tabled indefinitely on October 10th, 2018, per the request of Avani Kabra and Venkat Suru:
 - *Hello, everyone. We are Avani Kabra and Venkat Suru from the UC Student Diversity and Inclusion Council. We want to thank you all for taking the time to listen to us last week about our planned initiative, Diversity Week, more specifically Now UC Me, our talent and fashion show. We appreciate all your suggestions on improving our reach to other organizations for co-sponsorships.*

After speaking with our general body members, the rest of our Exec board, and our advisor, we have decided to move forward with Diversity Week having four tabling events, and move the

fashion and talent show to a date in November, most likely November 30th. This will give us more time to reach out for other co-sponsorships for Now UC Me and further market our event. At this point we would be able to share the success of Diversity Week with the student body and with Senate, prior to a potential Co-Sponsorship with SG. Therefore, we would like to request that Senate table this bill indefinitely, until we come back with more indication that this show will be successful, since this is an unprecedented event. We appreciate your time.

*Thank you,
Avani and Venkat*

New Business

- **S.19-A-020 Concerning the purchase of items and volunteers needed for the annual UC Farmers Market**
 - On behalf of External Holdover Senator Chandler Rankin, speaking privileges to Gallery member Campus Life Committee Chair Kyle Shuja for the duration of the discussion of the bill S.19-A-020.
 - **NEED A DESCRIPTION**
 - This appropriation bill opens by making the following statements:
 - Local farmers and vendors from Cincinnati will be on campus selling fresh produce and other foods on October 18th, 2018, from 10am – 2pm to connect with the students of our University and the residents of the greater Uptown community.
 - Providing more food options for students has been a priority of the Sinna + Savani administration and Undergraduate Student Senate, namely through the *Bearcat Pantry Donation* in summer 2018 and the *Food Truck Fridays* program that have taken place this fall semester.
 - Providing alternative food options is important on our campus due to ongoing concerns expressed about campus dining by undergraduate students, and the 8 farmers and vendors in attendance will be selling a variety of quality foods and goods.
 - The UC Farmers Market is an event that is directly aligned with President Pinto's #NextLivesHere Strategic Direction for the university as a part of the "Urban Implementation" platform for UC.
 - The appropriation bill goes on to provide further information about the UC Farmers Market, including the purpose of the intended appropriated money:
 - The UC Farmers Market is an initiative that has been executed in the past by Student Government members and UC Sustainability.
 - This year, Student Government members have worked with UC Sustainability and the Programs and Activities Council (PAC) to plan and execute this event.
 - Barring the appropriation of the money, re-usable tote bags will be provided to students to promote sustainability and incentivize purchases, t-shirts will be given to the students volunteers for the event, and stickers will be distributed for market and promotion.
 - At least ten (10) Student Government members will be required to volunteer and aid with the execution of this event on October 18th, 2018.
 - The original bill was friendly amended to reflect:

- This discussion point was voted on to be added to the agenda.
- **Due to the sensitive nature of the discussion, various points were omitted to respect the privacy and wishes of various members who were directly or indirectly related to the points brought up during discussion. What follows is a lightly edited summary of the discussion.**
- Various members of the Gallery were granted speaking privileges for the duration of the discussion under the topic of **accountability**, including Mike Arnold, Gianna Vitali, Mindy Bediako, Ian Rice, Hajar Saksaka, Gerritzen Meyer, Charley Heintel, and other members of the Gallery who wished to speak in regards to this topic.
- Various representatives of different student organizations
- The discussion of **accountability** revolved around a few central events:
 - The recent confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), a court confirmation which contained lots of discussion revolving around his partisanship and character upon the revelations of various allegations of sexual misconduct against Kavanaugh, and his responses to these allegations; those allegations made public include those from Christine Blasey Ford, Deborah Ramirez, and Julie Swetnick. Brett Kavanaugh has denied all allegations of sexual misconduct.
 - The distribution of a screenshot of the SG 18-19 GroupMe to various sources, including but not limited to the Cincinnati Republic and the University of Cincinnati's Young Americas Foundation, both of which can generally be considered as conservative-leaning sources, and the various articles written about the screenshot. The screenshot contained a message from Student Body President Sinna Habteselassie to the members of the GroupMe at the time.
 - The video posted on Twitter depicting the removal of a poster with the message Kava-Not Guilty, the poster which had been placed in extreme close proximity to the UC Women's Center.
 - The articles written by The News Record (TNR) in regards to these events.
- Below is a list of some of the points made during the discussion:
 - Rules regarding the posting of posters exist. A shortfall occurred here in the proper following of these rules.
 - Student Senate is meant to invite feedback from different perspectives. This said, there is a difference between identity and party affiliation; there is a difference between identity and campus organizations.
 - We should be always be open to hearing opinions we disagree with. We should be able to speak up, even if our opinion may be controversial.
 - Don't tear down people or groups of people down. It's not cool.
 - On the topic of accountability, we need to be taking steps towards creating environments where people feel they can have conversations about these sensitive subjects.
 - Sometimes we just don't know how to respond. If we are going to be honest, we *need* to be honest and not do stuff for the sake of the reaction.
 - I think there's a nuanced view here, what we do have is a misrepresentation of both opinions. There's no *approval* opinion of sexual assault, but the

confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh *is* an opinion that we can discuss. We recognize we are in a bubble, sort of a self-selection basis, we have to all feel that we are all comfortable in the same space so we can have discourse. We have to avoid misrepresentating opinions. Have we been as accountable as we say we have been.

- SG Works for You. We need to uphold that rhetoric. We shouldn't apologize for any actions, but we need to respond in a professional manner. We have to be cognizant enough to recognize other opinions exist.
- What's the goal? We have to have discussion on this, but what should we be striving for?
- Courtesy matters for stuff like this. How do we extend courtesy to others?
- Administration should be made aware, maybe, that these conversations are happening. Maybe admin just doesn't know.

Announcements

- UC Farmer's Market!!!
- Chi Omega will be having Philanthropy on October 20th!
- Mirror Clings!
- Movie Night on Monday in Nippert Field!!!! Go be there!