I. Call to Order: 7:06 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda
   A. Move to Add VSA to Presidential Action Items
      Approved - Acclamation

IV. Approval of Minutes
    Approved - Acclamation

V. Announcements

VI. Presidential Action Items
   A. Ratifications of CUSG Executive Staff Members:
      i. Michaela Cavanagh, Director of Communications
         Applied due to being organized and wanting to broaden horizons by
         being a part of something new. Has background knowledge in
         business promotion and is creative and honest.

         Questions
         Rep Hale: Describe yourself in 3 words? Bubbly, ambitious, generous

         Rep Hale: Biggest obstacle? Transparency in student government and
         to the school and community.

         Rep Hale: Ideas for social media? Start off strong from the beginning of
         the year in order to make sure we have a strong presence throughout
         the entire year.
         Ratified - Acclamation

      ii. Marilyn Alexander, Director of Finance
          Applied for position due to experience in working at a bank and
          working towards a degree in finance. Very organized and excited for
          the upcoming year. Marilyn comes in with a clear perspective and is
          highly qualified.

          Questions
          Rep Ballard: Which big issues do you see yourself confronting? We
          need to come into the problems CUSG faces with an open mind.
Rep Hale: Describe yourself in three words? Energetic, dedicated, compassionate

Ratified - Acclamation

B. Vietnamese Student Association SFR Override

Tabled - Acclamation

VII. Public Open Hearing

A. Groups represented: Model UN, Hiking Club, Mock Trial, Epilepsy Project, Psychedelics Club, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, VSA, Asian Unity, Black Student Association, Emergency Medical Services, CollaborAsian

VIII. Old Business

A. 83LCB04-Adoption of SOAC Code

Jesse gives statement on direction and current state of affairs.
- Unfortunate that culture has been created to lead student groups to believe that they are entitled to “their” money
- Fundamentally debating over the the use of funds that don’t exist
- There is only $225,000 in student fees set aside for student group funding
- Any increase to the $3,000 cap makes it so that we are incapable of funding the same number of 137 student groups from last year. Money will run out if cap is raised.
- Statement related to student services: continuing to fund student organizations comes at the cost of other student organizations. The purpose of SOAC is to provide a multitude of student involvement opportunities.
- Why changes are happening right now: this is over summer and at an unideal time. A graduated proposal puts us at more financial risk, and is dangerous. The whole reason we are in this problem is because there was no way to predict accurate funding demands for future years.
- All of the student arguments rely on time or money, both of which we do not have at the current time
- We provide funds to supplement the student group, not cover the entire student group budget
- We try to continue to help as many students as possible

Address of concerns heard:
- Rep. from Model UN: all agreements under SOFO should carry over to CSI (account and membership should be maintained)
- Registration costs: don’t feel like it is fair to use student fees to pay for a high registration cost that is not malleable. That funding is not disappearing,
- Currently accounts are frozen by Vice Chancellor, and a financially stable spending plan will allow for the accounts to be unfrozen so we can continue with funding
- Tier system: removed from code, don’t want to promote hierarchy and want process to be as fair and equitable as possible
- Do not have the budget to be giving $3,000.00 each semester
CSI will be a big help in reinforcing organizations, but is not meant to be the “be all end all”. Groups will have to be creative in searching for funding.

Open Floor to Questions:

Rep. Ballard:
1. Have you contacted CSI about the clause for the 1 year account? It is a non-issue and they have been spoken with.

2. Have you spoken with the Vice Chancellor about the amendments or changes. No.

3. Are organizations like Vas and BSA “playing the game” like you earlier said they were? No, was referring to student services.

Sen. Coleman:
1. Operations is lower budget than programmatic. Based on previous student group budgets.

Rep. Kikhia:
1. What kind of organizations are you interested in speaking with. Partnering with to work with CSI and student groups? Will proceed once code is passed, and would be specific to each organization on what they specifically need.

2. How involved is SOAc or CSI? CSI much more involved, SOAC is just allocation body.

3. DO you feel that the structure with CSI with the new liaisons will be beneficial? Extremely, and will increase information flow/communication and help with transition

4. Still a relationship with SOAC and representatives? SOAC members at large will be officers to boards and liaisons to specific student groups. As soon as organization applies for allocation, they will receive a liaison to assist with process.

Sen. Coleman
1. $3,000 used for food? Under Operational $1,000 cap, $700 can be used for food

Rep. Rugh
1. Brief outline of funding sources available? There are numerous source outside of Student Government and outside of campus- SGFB, CCS, CEB, REP, ASSG, Vice Chancellor's Office, RHA, etc. etc.
2. From your research, what outside of campus funding sources were student groups utilizing? From research, grants.

3. Does CSI have a specific person for fundraising/grantwriting, etc. CSI Coordinator is specific to helping student groups ad should be able to offer assistance.

Rep. Kkhia
1. $1,000 operations budget? Arrived on number through research, there is also an exception that can be granted upon application.

Discussion of SOAC

Rep. Ballard:

- Apologize if questions/comments were offensive, that was not the intent.

- Also apologize to student groups if they have felt disrespect from legislators or others present

- Would like to offer some amendments: registration fees should not be limited, it is the student groups right to use their allocated money towards registration fees if they so choose, and a few more.

- Disheartening that student groups are painted to be selfish in this light, apology if they found that offensive.

- Movement to amend section 603 Clause B1B: SOAC shall allow travel requests to include conference or competition registration

Discussion of Amendment:

Sen. Coleman yield to Jesse: Ensure best practices when allocating funds to groups, but if it will significantly affect student groups then we should consider.


Rep. Ballard: yield to speaker from Model UN- we can allocate to cover registration fees ... Yield to Paris: apologize on behalf for student groups. Appreciate all of the time and effort that has been put onto this. Make sure that individuals work really well with student groups. Problem: people need to know all of the information and services provided/available. Clarify that student groups aren’t selfish with their money, we try to create a community that is welcoming. Tier system is valid- VSA lost their office space in the UMC; there is no diversity center on campus.
- Ballard: it would be fair to let the student groups decide where they want to spend their money—transportation or registration.

Rep. Lacombe: respect the research from Jesse and Madalena, as they have done the research. It is not legal to discriminate against student group funding, and thus all student groups must be given equal access to funding.

Sen. Brosseau: SGFB and SOAC—equitability is the number one goal of the allocation board. With that in mind, there needs to be the understanding that the tier system is not equitable. SOAC is meant to support a group, not fund the entire budget. In regards to registration fees: it is counteractive of the purpose to SOAC where the remigration fees applied only benefit the students using it.

Roll Call: the amendment passes.

**Back into discussion of the bill:**

Ballard: Amend section 601 point A—define which organizations for future reference. Student organizations that have maintained an account with SOFO prior to fiscal year 2016-2017 shall be grandfathered in as an established student organization.

**Amendment Passes on acclamation**

Rep. Kikhia: general statements, this is a difficult situation, thank you to authors, we hope to support student groups

Rep. Ballard: I am directly affected by this, it is no one’s interest to see a funding cut, this will be a difficult year but with adversity comes a chance to excel further and larger issues have been overcome in the grand scheme of things, please see this as an opportunity to work together and find solutions to things in a creative way, this is an unfortunate year to run out of money and that we have to carry this on our shoulders, there is opportunity and it is time for us to be creative.

Rep. Rugh: unfortunate that we have to play with the hand that we were dealt, hopefully this is a stable base. Yield to Paris: please equally communicate how we feel, please remember and reflect on what you said to the organizations to gain their vote and trust. Requests that CSI and CUSG holds open forum when school starts so that student groups can come together and all get on the same page.

- Rugh: we are trying to help everyone on this campus.
Vice President Amaya: please come speak with CUSG, its doors are always open and we encourage outreach and involvement in decisions

Roll Call: Passed by roll call vote

IX. Reports
   A. Executives
      Looking to hire a historian for CUSG to discover and demonstrate what CUSG has been and is about. Gender inclusive housing is moving forward, as are UMC renovation plans.
   B. Council of Colleges and Schools Chair
   C. Representative Council Speaker
   D. Committees: Appointments, Election, Rules
   E. Commissions: Legislative Affairs, Diversity Affairs, Sustainability
   F. Colleges and Schools: ASSG, Leeds Business, Education, Engineering, Environmental Design, Graduate, Journalism, Law, Music
   G. Joint and Advisory Boards/Liaisons: Air, Cultural Events, Distinguished Speakers, Environmental, Finance, GLBTQ, Recreation, Student Group Funding, SORCE, UMC, Health, VRC, WRC, Freshman Council, Residence Hall Association
   H. Treasurer
   I. Vice President
   J. Legislative Council President

X. Late Roll Call

XI. Adjournment: 9:15 PM

Next Meeting
Thursday July 30th or TBD
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