I. Call to Order - 7:12

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda
   A. Added: Jack Berk under VII.B.v - Approved: Acclamation
   B. Added: Hannah Velte under VII.C.i - Approved: Acclamation
   C. Added: Paige Anderson and Ryan Woll under VII.D.i and VII.D.ii - Approved: Acclamation

IV. Approval of Minutes
    Approved: Acclamation

V. Announcements

VI. Public Open Hearing

VII. Presidential Action Items
   A. Ratification of SOAC Board Members,
      i. Marcus Fotenos
      ii. Heidi Weingardt

   Madelena, Marcus and Heidi presenting. Heidi has lots of experience in the field, managed her own student group. Marcus was very impressive, had read the entire code before coming to the interview, manages his own business. Really excited to have both representing the board.

   Heidi - Senior in Int Affairs. Manages Project Pengya, a group focused on improving relations between CHinese and American students. Had a meeting today and it was very exciting. Served as an int student guide in the past. Very focused on int students. Studied abroad in China in the spring of 2014. Went back in August with a research grant for honors thesis. Long arduous process but certainly worth it. Family in Mexico has also encouraged her to int. field.

   Marcus - Freshman in Business and PSCI. Grew up in CO Springs. Has finance experience through managing his own company through high school. Worked with taking out loans for equipment, contracting, execution of jobs. Experience with Rob’s Rules. Brings a freshman point of view, which helps because it’s a new set of eyes to all the new things going on at CU.

Q&A
Sen. Yin - What are you passionate about with SOAC?

Heidi - Most exciting part is being on the other side of the table. Has had student group[ funding with her own SG, but different. Coming back from events, the group was excited but needed to figure out how to manage weekly finances. Excited because she knows the experience of student groups and can empathize with their struggles. Know it’s not easy to manage a student group and wants to help[ others through that process. Was excited after the first meeting last night, even though it was just an introduction.

Marcus - Excited to have a voice and get involved. We all pay student fees and excited to have a say in where they go. Excited to have this be a part of his college experience.

Motion to bundle - Approved: Acclamation
Ratified: Acclamation

B. Ratification of Appellate Court Justices
   i. Christopher Urias
      (14-0-1)
   ii. Grant Shibao
      (14-0-1)
   iii. Ashley Hatfield
      (14-0-1)
   iv. Andrew Nizar Tawil
      (14-0-1)
   v. Jack Berk
      (14-0-1)

Tri-Executives and candidates presenting.

Ahaneku - Appellate Court hasn’t been active recently, we want to push to make it more active and get the group working again. Important part of our government, want to have it active. Bring a lot of experience to the table, and see an active appellate court. Important to me to see an appellate court, it was my first CUSG post.

Chief Justice - I was on Leg my freshman year, very different but it’s cool to see the differences. Want to thank the tri’s, thank you for pushing for appellate court. I want to grow the visibility of appellate court, so that everyone can take advantage of the things that this court is supposed to do. Really want to the revive the branch, it’s been empty.

Urias - Thanks for having me back! A new thing for me to go into the judicial part. I’m excited to make the hard decisions that will have to be made, and I want to be active during the elections.
Hatfield - Junior PSCI. Active in H.S. student government. Has been super involved with other things during the last few years here, but excited to be a part of the CUSG law. Likes the court side - dream job is Supreme Court Justice.

Nizar Tawil - Senior this year, hopes to go to law school. Last year as pres of his fraternity was to rework the bylaws. Currently the chairman of the board for that fraternity, handles over 100k dollars this year.

Shibao - Junior Pre-Law student. Has a true appreciation for the governmental system through his studies and knows that if the three branches don't all work well, the university is worse off.

Berk - Junior. Captain of debate team in H.S., wants to become a lawyer and has academic experience with the field. Biggest asset is his ability to be open-minded

Q&A
Sen. Coleman - Exciting! How did you all find out about the position? How can you get the word out about how to get involved?

Hatfield - Heard through a mutual acquaintance. Email might be a good way to get out to students

Nazir Tawil - Heard through a mutual acquaintance. Wanted to be a part of CUSG in any form. Has had experience rebuilding gov. systems in frat. Wants to get word out through frat. council.

Shibao - Found out through fellow candidate. Spread word through pre-law fraternity. Targeting freshman to join, they have a lot coming at them, they’re eager to get involved, but don’t know what they can do.

Berk - Also heard through fellow colleague. Pretty involved in campus, can get word out through many groups.

Urias - Get word out through all CUSG members and pass by word-of-mouth, tell people why your job is cool!

Rep. Ballard - Logistically what do you bring and what do you see as your day-to-day operation?

Shibao - Interpreting the Constitution and understanding the bylaws of the different bodies and how they could affect different groups.
Urias - Like the diversity of this group of the candidates, which will help with making hard decisions.

Nazir Tawil - We are the ones who have to interpret the Constitution so we have to understand that. Understand why the board collapsed two years and how to not have that happen again.

Berk - Really focused on getting out what the judicial branch does and what it can do for students. Make sure they have an avenue for solving conflicts.

Hatfield - Most important thing is to be unbiased and open-minded. Not about what should be, about what is. Don’t bring in outside biases. Revising bylaws to make sure they're up to date.

Rep. Lacombe - Curious, Urias, why change from Exec staff to Appellate Court?

Urias - Unfortunately I had to resign from exec staff for some personal reasons, but I took this opportunity when I saw it and I’m excited about it.

Pres. Trevino - What is your method of interpretation on the Constitution?

Nazir Tawil - When interpreting the Constitution, it's important to understand what it is there for and why we have it. Our first duty is to identify why. Second is to understand our backgrounds and biases. Understand that in this role, we are only Justices of Appellate Court and that is our only job.

Shibao - Piggybacking, understand that it was all written out for a reason, and why it was written for the different branches like it was.

Berk - Important what the intent was and not interjecting our own opinion. Read it just for what it is.

Hatfield - Just what it is, not what it could or should be.

Urias - Understand the historical context of the amendments and why they happened?

Pres. Trevino - Clarification, these candidates must be approved by two-thirds vote, so no bundling and each one is a roll call vote. (Vote listed under each candidate)
C. Ratification of UMC Board Members
   i. Hannah Velte

   UMC Chair Emily Breidt and Hannah Velte presenting. UMC Board is charged
   with overseeing the operations of UMC. Velte has been a member for a year
   now and the Board has approved her position as a voting member.

   Velte - Junior PSCI and Elem Ed. I’ve been on the board for a year now as an
   ex-officio which was good. Ready to have a vote and a voice in what happens.
   Coordinator for CU Gold, the leadership group under CSI. Been involved with
   that for a few years and excited to take more of a role.

   Q&A
   McCleery - What’s the biggest challenge the UMC Board will face in the
   upcoming year?

   Velte - A lot of challenges with Housing and Dining, also have issues with
   allocating office spaces in the UMC fairly and efficiently to student groups so
   we want to improve that process.

   Yin - What would you like to see in the UMC Board?

   Velte - Visibility is very important for us, want people to know that we’re there
   for them and want to help solve their problems.

   Ratified: Acclamation

D. Ratification of Deputy Election Commissioners
   i. Paige Anderson
   ii. Ryan Woll - Absent, will ratify at a later date.

   Election Commissioner and candidate presenting. We’ve had poor turnout in
   the last election, so we want to really change that. I’m excited to have Paige
   on the board, she brings a lot of skill and enthusiasm to this group.

   Anderson - First, how many of you are transfer students? I also am and I want
   to bring that perspective and how that influences what I want to do. Really
   hard decision and it’s hard to integrate yourself into the community. I want to
   help students like me and make sure they have a good experience.

   Q&A
   Rep. Hawkins - What do you plan to do?

   Anderson - Transparency is really important to me.

   Sen. Webster - Has having only one party running been a good or bad thing
   and what will you do to change that?
Anderson - Definitely a bad thing and I think that happens because students don’t know how they can get involved with CUSG and what they need to do, so we need to take an active role in making sure that everyone can get in. I think a personal approach is the best way - word-of-mouth and things like that.

Webster - How can we get a second party up?

Anderson - Word-of-mouth is a great way to encourage people to get involved. I know I got an email when I first transferred here and we as leaders need to do the same thing for others who are new.

Rep. Ballard - What’s more important - multi-party system or just more student involvement in general?
Anderson - Tough question, but I think that more parties is essential because it brings more perspectives to the table and encourages discussion?

Lacombe - Word-of-Mouth is great but with so many students how can we scale that?

Anderson - Social media is important and particularly applicable to our age. Has been used successfully for other campaigns on campus, we should be taking advantage of that. Process is easy but we need to get the word out about elections and how to run. Let’s explore different options for the like D2L and other things.

Ratified: Acclamation

VIII. New Business
A. 83LCB06-CUSG Outreach
   Tri-Executive Soto - Thank you to Rep McCleery and Rep Rugh for helping with this bill, I think you will find it is leaps and bounds better than before. The first section of the bill is still the same, because I still believe that person-to-person outreach is incredibly important and effective.

   Rep. Rugh - Sections 2 and 3 are about updating ourselves and the other branches and students regularly. It is about what we've done and what we're going to do. This is what we expect in the election, for example, and then we can look at what has worked and what hasn’t. Getting more people involved in the elections will bring more people to student government. Section 3 is more for the other branches, and responsibilities for leaders of the branches to give biweekly updates of about 150 words about what is happening and why it’s interesting and important. Section 4 is a monthly newsletter--the more
information we can get to students, the better. We can go more into depth and elaborate on what is happening in CUSG. Moving on to section 5, it dictates that the Executives will give something like the State of the Union, to set goals and explain where the executives want to go in the coming semester. These will be broad, big goals, and big priorities.

President Soto - This section is already part of our bylaws, and so having it in legislation in addition to bylaws will allow you to hold us more accountable, because in the past executives have chosen not to update Leg council.

Rep. Rugh - The next sections are really exciting for me, because I think the CUSG website is crucial. We’re all connected all the time, and that’s how students will connect with CUSG. The first part allows for students to create petitions on the website and spread to other students in order to garner support for a particular issue. I think it will be well received. Section 5 allows us to get everybody’s opinion really quickly, right before legislation will be brought before us. It’s a forum to allow ideas to be shared rapidly. Section 6 is a CUSG calendar for us to post all CUSG sponsored events. Currently our calendar is a blank page, and we want to put the different events we help to fund onto the website. Section 7 is all about surveys. We all think that collecting data and using data in our decisions is really important. Gathering data on any issue will help us immensely. This designates a new committee to develop surveys and generate ideas and these people will make sure the surveys get out and the data is analyzed.

President Soto - I have a couple of friendly amendments that I will be making that will specify the difference between “ought” and “shall.”

Q&A
VP Amaya - What type of things would go in the newsletter? CUSG as a whole is enormous and what kinds of things would be deemed appropriate or important to go in the newsletter?

Rep. Rugh - It would be about big ideas, big milestones, big things that are happening.

President Soto - We wanted to give the Director of Communications some leeway and creativity in putting this together, but we will be sure to keep you updated.

VP Amaya - How do you plan to distribute the surveys?
Rep. Rugh - I think online surveys are a great way to go, but I think we also want to do them physically and in person. Once we have the questions, we can go collect those in person.

Sen. Souders - First of all, this is awesome. Great work. As far as petitions go, the big problem we're having is student engagement. How does the petition system address that problem? If we have no student engagement, the petition system doesn't matter.

Rep. Rugh - I think a big problem with a lack of student engagement is that students don't know how to engage. A lot of people hear things by word of mouth, but if we can create tools that allow people to create things and share it with their friends, it is no longer an arduous process to become a part of CUSG and get your voice heard. It's for the person who doesn't have time to email their representatives or do something else.

Sen. Souders - Other than word of mouth, are there any other macro ways that you'll be addressing getting the word out.

President Soto - On the macro scale, there is a lot we can do. The fact that we are creating all of this information doesn't necessarily mean that students will be accessing it. So a lot of what we're doing outside of this bill is going to direct people to our social media updates and things that will be silly and funny and getting people engaged, and all of that will partner with what this legislation is trying to do. It's about getting the information up there so that we can begin to direct students to it.

Sen. Yin - I really like Section 6, implementing more digital marketing, because when I was a freshman I couldn't find anything online. How are you planning on making that happen?

Rep. Rugh - There is actually already a calendar system in place that departments across campus use. You can tag events and categorize events from a master list that then appears on other calendars. We can control what appears and when, and it will be an easy way to control the calendar. As for the petition, there was a trial for that, and so the groundwork has been laid for that and we just have to finish it. I have the fewest answers about this unfortunately. But we have a lot of dedicated exec staff around that.

Sen. Yin - Who is in charge of the CUSG website right now?

President Soto - It's usually either the Director of Communications of the Director of Multimedia. We'll talk about this in the updates but we're going to
change our website and who manages it, and pick the right developer and features and functions. Right now, we don’t control a lot of the specific coding, but over the next few weeks we are going to utilize on campus resources or private businesses to work on that website.

Rep. Ballard - I want to say that I really appreciate all of this work. All of the questions we had the first time it came before us. What would you say has changed since that first bill?

President Soto - This really engages all of the staff and representatives and engages us all in the form of outreach. Most of the bill is new because there was only the one section.

Rep. Rugh - It gives us the tools to do what we need to do and get students to connect with us.

Rep. McCleery - It gives students the opportunity to use the website and become a part of CUSG.

Rep. Fair - My question is based on statistical evidence, etc. I know it’s very hard to create surveys that aren’t leading, and they are very hard to do well. Have you looked into other professionals that can help us put that together?

President Soto - There are a lot of people who help us put surveys together currently. So in the surveys we’ve already been working on we’ve had help from other parties.

Rep. Fair - I think there is a huge disconnect between what students think CUSG can do and what we actually do. How will you be addressing that with the petition?

Rep. Rugh - It’s more for students to bring up specific things that they want, and then we can act on it. Sometimes there will be a disconnect between what we can do and what we want, but it’s more to know what they’re passionate about.

Rep. McCleery - Also, it will allow the executive branch to issue a statement on things that do or do not pass.

Rep. Hawkins - Why is the Judicial branch involved?

Rep. Rugh - We thought it would be good to get them involved.
Rep. Hawkins - So would they just be holding events telling people what they do?

President Soto - Their outreach would certainly be limited, because of what they’re allowed to do, but yes, mostly informative.

Rep. Hawkins - Would the branches put on their own events or work together?

President Soto - We would love to have us working together and putting on events together.

Sen. Webster - About seeding a second party-- after running in the last two elections and seeing how uninterested people were, I think one of our fundamental problems is that we only have one party. I don’t know if this is the bill for this, but can you speak to potentially using the website to address this?

President Soto - The website is a blank slate, and so I do think it will be an awesome opportunity for us to put in the things that we care about. I think that is definitely a conversation worth having. Yield to President Ahaneku

President Ahaneku - We want to get student groups and students engaged and aware of how to go about the process of running or forming a ticket. That really showed last year. Members of previous tickets graduated or didn’t participate, and so it was hard for other people who had no idea how to form and organize the ticket to do that. As far as that goes, it’s a touchy thing because when it comes to the Court and the Election Commissioner, they have to remain unbiased, but they can definitely be part of educating.

Sen. Webster - Do you have any intention to switch up the underrepresented groups of students that you’ll be targeting? Do you plan to specify which students you’ll be targeting?

President Soto - I think that’s a great point. I think underrepresented groups are often lumped with ethnicity and or religion. You can be underrepresented in many different ways, and have many of those different identities. We have had a lot of discussions about how to broaden our definition of underrepresented.

Sen. Souder - I just had a quick question. It seems that you’re dictating the renovation of the website when we just ratified the Director of Multimedia. Are we telling her what to do? Is that what this is?
President Soto - It's always really uncomfortable ground when legislation forces our staff to do something. But all of this is what we've worked with her with and it's a merging of a lot of ideas, so I think she will be okay with it. We're working with bringing in a developer and that will require different things.

Rep. Lacombe - What has the Director of Multimedia been doing while the website has been tabled?

President Soto - Since we don’t have the access to change code, unfortunately we have to work with the web developers to get them to change the code, but then that extends the timeline, and there’s such difficulty in communication and it makes her job really difficult. She’s been helping all of our staff with their multimedia needs, like the Director of Health and she’s been helping us craft our multimedia strategy. Yield to President Ahaneku.

President Ahaneku - The website isn’t her only job. The Director of Multimedia creates the content for whatever it is we need. She’s done a lot of projects and worked with other staff members. Even though the website is a piece of it, it’s not the majority.

Amendment to Section 4, amend “CUSG” to “CUSG proper”
Amendment to the Amendment: Add a clarification of “CUSG Proper” - Failed
Friendly Amendment to replace the word “ongoings” with “activities”
Friendly Amendment to put “if possible” behind “offices” in Section 1B
Friendly Amendment to replace “their” with “the courts” in 1C

Approved: Acclamation

Ratification of Ryan Woll as Deputy Election Commissioner
Election Commissioner and Candidate presenting. One major goal of bringing both of these deputies on is to improve continuity and pass on knowledge.
Woll - Think this is a really cool way to get involved with school, this has been really cool to see and you guys have been doing a cool thing and I want to be a part of that.

Q&A
Rep. Ballard - Three words?
Engineer, Helpful, Determined

IX. Reports
A. Executives
a. Working on Communication and Multimedia strategy and sexual assault legislation, so get in contact if you want in on that. Will be a meeting/forum soon and we want you there if you’re interested. Same with college affordability.

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,
G. Environmental Design, Graduate, Journalism, Law, Music
H. Joint and Advisory Boards/Liaisons: Air, Cultural Events, Distinguished Speakers, Environmental, Finance, Recreation, Student Group Funding, UMC, VRC, CSI, Freshman Council,
I. Treasurer
J. Vice President
K. Legislative Council President

X. Late Roll Call
XI. Adjournment

Next Meeting
September 24th or TBD
UMC 247