I. Call to Order: 8:02PM

II. Swearing in of New Members-Appellate Court Chief Justice Steve Marcanito

A. Representatives at Large: Mazhar Ali, Weston Ballard, Kaitlyn Bove, Quynce Johnson, Lucas Larson
   i. Mazhar Ali: Sworn In.
   ii. Weston Ballard: Sworn In.
   iii. Kaitlyn Bove: Sworn In.
   iv. Quynce Johnson: Sworn In.
   v. Lucas Larson: Sworn In.

B. Senators: Amanda Wetzel, Colby Bond, Erin Pettis
   i. Amanda Wetzel: Sworn In.
   ii. Colby Bond: Sworn In.
   iii. Erin Pettis: Sworn In.

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Approved.

V. Election of New Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer

A. Nominations for President
   i. Sen. Trevino
   ii. VP. Amaya
      1. Sen. Trevino: My name is Nick Trevino. I had the pleasure of serving as the Leg Council President for the 83rd session. The 84th session will be my last session with CUSG.
         a. We have created a new way to help fund student groups. Members of this council made that change. The legislative council manual has been in the works during this session. We have been able to undertake how we train our members. We got feedback that we weren’t training our members properly. We created this document to help you with just that. In the 84th session, what I think I can bring to the session is training the members like it has never been done before. We are trying to make it a little easier for ourselves. We want to bring in call centers to talk about what they do so that when we get into budget, we know where the money is
going. We also want to train members on language that is used in the budget cycle. Other than that, I have had a pleasure of being president and hopefully I will continue on.

i. Rep. Coleman: You’ve talked about what you have seen happening in the 84th session. Do you have anything that you want to carry on from the 83rd session?
   1. The manual, but also I would like to continue the meeting of all of the leaders before legislative council meetings. It helped us stay on the same page. I think the more information that comes into the presidency, having that meeting allows for more transparency in the legislative branch.

ii. Rep. Lacombe: I remember you talking about increasing efficiency. I just want to hear you comment on how you think that went.
   1. I think we have been very efficient with our time. We have been on a roll recently where we are done earlier. I think we have given each person a fair amount of time. I would like to have more questions though. One thing I would like to see on amendments is talking about them outside of council and then bringing them up during the second reading.

iii. Rep. Hawkins: What has been an unforeseen challenge?
   1. The amount of communication from outside sources asking about Leg.
   2. We have not had a great record of all of the responsibilities that the president has to do. There are certain responsibility that we do not have well documented. The growing pains of learning the job.

2. VP. Amya:
   a. I am deciding to yield from this. Nick has been a great president. I think it would be a great decision for Nick to carry on.
   b. I rescind my acceptance of nomination.

iii. Moved to suspend the bylaws for the purpose of voting.
iv. Nicholas Trevino: Newly elected 84th session Legislative Council President.

B. Nominations for Vice President:
   i. Sen. Amya
      1. This will be my fifth term on CUSG. I was previously a Rep. Council Speaker. I am a part of Leeds Council. I have loved my time at CUSG. One of my main focuses is working on training. Helping you guys on how everything works. I think that the manual that they are creating are really crucial for the next session and that is something that I want to be a part of.
         a. Sen. Yen: What do you think that is one thing that we did great, and one thing that we did not do great?
            i. One thing that was big was the participation and the amount of the people who have been present in this session is immense. I think just that alone has changed the persona of this council. It is very clear that you are working a lot harder on understanding the legislation. I think that is one of the biggest accomplishments of the council. There is a lot more communication between Rep. and CCS.
            ii. I don’t know what to speak on what you all have not done well.
         b. Pres. Trevino: What are three words to describe yourself.
            i. Pet-lover, strong willed, and determined.
            i. Dragon
         d. Pres. Ahaneku: How do you think your position can add to the budget cycle?
            i. That is a big thing for what I was talking about for training. Also, with budget hearing they have started budget trainings weekly. I have been through the entire process. Really taking the time with the people who feel like they don’t understand is very important. Budget hearings are long and tedious and if you don’t know what is going on or the backgrounds of the organizations, it will be hard for you guys to support the changes.
         e. Pres. Ahaneku: Over the past couple of months some questions have been asked about the VP position and how it pertains to the council and how things that are
passed are being enforced. How can the position of VP help with enforcing the bills and resolutions in the future?

i. As a VP, last session, I was not trained as a VP. There needs to be a handy guide for the positions and that is what this manual is.

f. Move to suspend the bylaws.

ii. Newly elected Vice President of the 84th session: Aleia Amaya

VI. Appointment of Officers: Sergeant-at-Arms, Grammarian, Parliamentarian

A. Rep. Bove
B. Rep. Larson

i. Rep. Bove:

1. I am interested in being treasurer because I want to dedicate me time so that the council has a balanced budget. As far as experience goes, I have studied Econ and I was secretary of MUN. I am a very organized person and I am very dedicated to this position.


i. Yes.

b. Rep. Coleman: What are you going to do to increase the communication?

i. The best answer I can give is make myself available to you guys and that we are equally communicating with all of you.

c. Pres. Ahaneku: What are your thoughts on a shared spreadsheet for the budget?

i. I really like that idea.

d. Sen. Yen: I am curious, what is your schedule for the coming semester?

i. CUSG is the main thing I am involved with, I am the liaison for the CEB, I have a part time job, and I have a light load next semester.

e. Rep. Hawkins: Have you had experience keeping up with excel spreadsheets?

i. Yes.

f. Rep. Johnson: Do you think graduating in May will affect you?

i. No, because nothing is certain. Second of all, if that did come to it I am sure we can find someone who can replace me. We are still a ways away from May and still have a lot of work to do.

2. Rep. Larson:
a. One of my passions is accounting, which is one of my majors here at CU. I have made my way to Rep. and I have sat on Finance Board for Pres. Trevino. I feel that I will excel at this position.
   i. Rep. Hawkins: Will you be willing and able to provide updates?
      1. Yes, to provide maximum transparency.
   ii. Rep. Hawkins: Have you ever worked with CSI to work on budgets?
      1. No, not yet. I think I am well equip to start.
   iii. Pres. Ahaneku: What are your thoughts on having a shared spreadsheet so that everyone is on the same page.
      1. I think that is a great idea and consolidating everything into one easy place. While I enjoy accounting, it is not easy for everyone. This would make it easier for everyone to read.
   iv. Sen. Yen: What does your schedule look like?
      1. I will be able to put in a lot of attention to the position because I am only taking 12 credits.
   v. Pres. Trevino: How do you think your time on Finance Board help you?
      1. I think it will help me with the funding of different organization. It will help me having everything centralize and help me provide updates.

b. Discussion.
   i. Sen. Yen: What are the responsibilities of the Treasurer?
      1. To provide weekly reports of the leg accounts at leg. Maintain detailed reports of the accounts. They act as a liaison between the director and legislative council.
   ii. Rep. Amaya: They get all of the numbers, and it is what they do with those numbers and who can understand them that is better.
   iii. Pres. Ahaneku: The goal of CUSG is to be transparent. I think that is is very important that whoever is the treasurer, that they have an understanding the government. I think that it will
help Secretary Maly with her job to help her record everything that we are saying and help us with the budget reporting.


v. Sen. Coleman: I think Lucas’ time on finance board is a good addition.

vi. Rep. Rugh: I know when joint board assignments were happening, Lucas jumped on the chance to be on finance board.

vii. Rep. Johnson: What does Finance Board add to Lucas’ credentials? What has he learned that you all have also learned.


2. Pres. Ahaneku: How it pertains to this position, I don’t think that it is very relevant.

viii. Rep. Johnson: I feel that Kaitlyn is a more aggressive person and will be able to get everything done and her foot in the door.

ix. VP. Amaya: We need somebody who can be persistent. I think that both candidates have that. I don’t think aggressiveness is always what is necessary. I think putting personality to this isn’t the best idea.

x. Sen. Yen: I was wondering if you guys have any opinion on the candidate’s communication

1. There are always legitimate reasons and it is always communicated.

xi. Pres. Trevino: They both came in as permanent proxies. I think they have both done a great job. They didn’t shy away from the duties, they were attentive and involved.

xii. Rep. Rugh: When Lucas came in as a permanent proxy we were talking a class together. He went around the entire class to have everyone sign his petition to get into this position.

3. New Legislative Council Treasurer of the 84th Session: Lucas Larson.

VII. Appointment for Sargent in Arms:

A. Sen. Webster

i. I have no real solid reason for wanting to do this. I think I can keep people pretty orderly.
1. Pres. Ahaneku: Can you give an example when you ushered a large amount of people in/out of a room.
   a. We have frequent problems with people wanting to be in the room when we want to be in there.
2. Sen. Pettis: If you could describe yourself in 3 words...
   a. Scholarly, Omnivert (I just learned this word.), and Serendipitous.
3. Appointed.

VIII. Appointment of the Grammarian:
   A. Rep. Lacombe explaining the position: I check over grammar and correct the minutes if needed.
      i. Nominations:
         1. Rep. Lacombe
            a. I am an English major. I have experience with writing, grammar. I have enjoyed this past session. I would love to be a resource for people who are writing legislation.
               i. Rep. Hawkins: Can you describe yourself in 3 words?
                  1. Magical, inspirational, and reverent.
               ii. Pres. Trevino: Do you know the difference between and en dash and a hyphen?
                  1. Yes.

2. Appointed.

IX. Appointment of the Parliamentarian:
   A. Rep. Souders
   B. Move to table.

X. Announcements
   A. Rep. Johnson: I am working with CUSG with a mental health campaign that I am hoping to roll out spring semester. If you want to help, email me.

XI. Late Roll Call
XII. Adjournment: 9:28PM

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