



General Session Agenda Minutes

October 11, 2022 | RH 306 | 7:00pm

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7:00 PM - Open (PARLIAMENTARIAN)

- Approval of Agenda for ([October 10, 2022](#))
- *Senator Lammano*: Motion to Approve
- *Second*: Senator Pant
 - *Motion Passes*
- *President Bakhoya*: Short meeting; will discuss advocacy process and overview of Senate process and procedure; candidate appointment and approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of Advocacy Process

a. Legislation/resolution/letters of support from 2021-2022 year

President Bakhoya: Overview of Legislation (4 main paths of legislation); If we are thinking critically about how we want to go about advocating for students, we have use a bill to amend the TC Student Senate Constitution (example of limiting time of discussion);

Senator Pant: Through the year, we noticed that - during intense discussion - we needed more than the five minutes that were automatically set aside for discussion; so we recognized that we needed more time; we changed it to 10 minutes for discussion and then 5 minutes for questions to have richer discussion within the Senate and within the committees to ensure that more people are heard.

President Bakhoya: We also have an order; which allocates funding to a group or organization. The two other ones are a letter of support (outside group presently working on something, we can use this to make a statement or take a position on something so that it goes out to the student body as well as the president); Finally we have a resolution (decide that we want to express approval or disapproval of an issue to the president);

Parliamentarian Heidelberg: We use an adapted version of Roberts Rules to operate in Senate; we have included a new sheet as well as a tips sheet on the back of your name placard. Please ask if you have any questions.

b. Strategic Priorities

i. Financial Aid

President Bakhoya: This has been an eternal discussion; we always work on discussions about how much funding is disseminated to students and which students; a committee put together by the financial aid department working to rethink how we want to deliver and educate on aid.

ii. Advising

President Bakhoya: This is a discussion we had with the President and Provost last week. We are interested in how we can incorporate better advising into our programs here. Communications Officer Jones worked on this last year.

Communications Officer Jones: Last spring we were tasked with exploring academic advising at TC, so we compiled a report of testimone from senators and students in other departments and programs. What we found is that there is a large trend of dissatisfaction with student advising experience. We compiled this and highlighted some of the trends.

President Bakhoya: What do we think about advising in a graduate school of education, especially when thinking about the needs of our graduate students as a whole.

iii. Diversity Equity and Inclusion

President Bakhoya: The programming for DEI has typically fallen on the students to initiate it. One position we constantly work on is shifting this towards a more proactive approach. We think it is important to review the DEI report - there is a lot of work being done around the college right now, but we want it to be more active and out in the community. We also did some work on anti-racist pedagogy...

Communications Officer Jones: Last year, the AA Committee started reviewing what is missing from some of the different programs. Some programs are intentional about who we are reading, who we are missing, and whose voices we are elevating in the classroom in juxtaposition next to who we say we are as an institution. So we will continue working on this, but it appears to be program by program.

President Bakhoya: A lot of this work is interconnected. For example DEI and financial aid are often interconnected.

c. Gallery Report

President Bakhoya: A group of individuals can come to TC Student Senate to present or share some information. This is a platform for students to come in and join and participate in TC Student Senate.

2. Introduction of candidates of interest (Nominations by President Bakhoya)

President Bakhoya: we are going to give the candidates a moment to introduce themselves and then we will vote to approve the appointment of all of them after.

a. 1 minute for candidate to introduce themselves

Seul Woo; Evelyn Tsai; Alexa Andrade; Vikas Tatad; Jordan Yin

b. Senate Vote

Approved by unanimous consent...

c. Nominees:

i. Arts and Humanities (1)

➤ Seul Woo Lee - [Candidate Information](#)

ii. Human Development (2)

➤ Evelyn Tsai - [Candidate Information](#)

➤ Alexa M. Andrade - [Candidate Information](#)

iii. International & Transcultural Studies Senator (2)

➤ Vikas Tatad - [Candidate Information](#)

➤ Jialu (Jordan) Yin - [Candidate Information](#)

iv. Residential Student Senator - 1 Position:

➤ Emily Chow - [Candidate Information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Committee Updates

- Academic Affairs
 - Senator Yin - Elected Chair
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
 - Senator Pant - Elected Chair
- Student Experience
 - Senator Ehrenzeller - Elected Chair
- University Policy & Rules
 - Senator Tatad - Elected Chair
 - Will meet Tuesday Evening
- Social Chair updates
 - Reach out to Iman if you are interested in serving as social chair.

Executive Board Announcements and Updates

- President:
 - Met with President Bailey and Provost Baldwin
 - Agenda: [September 29, 2022](#)
President Bakhoya: We meet monthly with them, so please review the minutes; We talked about the process for legislation once it is sent to the President; As we work on legislation, just know that we are on the backend trying to push it forward on your behalf.
- Vice President:
 - We have two vacancies still
 - Check on agenda above - lots of good information.
- Parliamentarian:
 - Attendance Policy Reminder: full attendance is expected; you have two absences; Notify the TC Student Senate email for any absences or issues that may come up; anything outside of COVID and OASID are outside of excused absences
 - Email legislation to Parliamentarian by noon, so that we can have it reviewed and sent out appropriately.
 - If you have questions about legislation or how to write it; just let me know. Happy to help.
- Treasurer:
 - Second annual TC Student Senate mixer on - advocacy focused event helping students connect with the Senate and the senators. Chairs took lead last year, but if the chairs wanted to help out this year, this would be helpful.
 - Social chairs - if you are interested, there are two positions. Email Treasurer Niazi before Thursday if you are interested.

- Food before the general session - typically there will be food before the general session - open to everyone at TC. If you have friends or students that you want to invite, let us know. It's a great way to advocate with students and get some ideas about things to work on. These can count towards your office hours if you are intentional about them.
- TC Student Senate Swag - If you have strong opinions on what you want to order, reach out to Treasurer Niazi as she will be thinking about what we want soon.
- Communications:
 - If you have an IG, follow TC Student Senate;
 - Complete the link to do a Senator Spotlight - fill out the form by next Monday, Oct. 17th
- University Senator:
 - Join the Ad Hoc Committee on CU issues

Other Announcements

- Student Senate and Cabinet Dinner

President Bakhoya: Coming up Nov. 21, this is a great opportunity to get to know the TC administration in a casual dinner. It will be a meet and greet; it is more of an event to just connect with the TC administration so you can identify who might be helpful to work with and collaborate with.

- Introduction to TC Student Senate Shared Drive - Krista Morales
- Reminder: food will be available before the meetings for a chance to interact with students

Senator Lamanno: Motion to talk about piece of legislation coming down the pipeline;

Senator Pant: Second:

Senator Lamanno: We are going to be introducing legislation that advocates higher pay through the use of a pay scale similar to the Law School or any other affiliate school of CU. We are interested in opinions from students, student workers, and employees. We will be introducing it into first reading in two weeks.

Senator Pant: Basically, the first section is just to argue to increase the minimum wage. This is focused on international students as well, so like Senator Lamanno said, find some time to discuss it and ask any questions. We are open to any form of feedback.

Senator Russell: In terms of being raised, are we comparing it to the Law School?

Senator Lamanno: So yes, we are using the pay scale that they have to incorporate a pay schedule depending on experience and knowledge, so you should have increased pay if you fit that position.

President Bakhoya: So TC put together a student employment group and they.

VP Arnzen: Connect with Laura Coleman from TC Next on that.

OTHERS:

Senator Russell: We can use the bathroom right?

Senator Wei: If someone is interested in the vacancy, who should I have them contact?

VP Arnzen: Have them email the TC Student Senate Email.

Senator Lee: I got an email from a student, and she wants to start a petition to add African Diaspora languages to the requirements within the department - she wants to add this to the language. We are just having a conversation with these students.

VP Arnzen: Adding some clarity to that, we got these emails asking about what is going on, and we fielded it out to Senators.

Senator Chow: How do we set up office hours and how do we relay that to constituents?

Treasurer Niazi: You can make your own flyers and advertise it within your department. Some people emailed their chair and sent out the office house (potentially the best way to get the largest reach); You just need to be available to meet with people from your department;

Communications Officer: I will also share it on the website and the IG.

Senator Lin: Is there a requirement about how many hours we have to do?

Senator Liu: Is this for both of us?

Treasurer Niazi: We encourage you to host it with your co-senator, it is okay to do it alone, but you two represent it together.

Heidelberg: Page 13 of our Constitution says 1 hour per month. So you could have students come before to reach these hours.

Senator Lamanno: Motion to Adjourn

Senator Wei: Second

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8:12 PM - Adjournment (PARLIAMENTARIAN)