CALL TO ORDER

President Sami Ahmed: I call this meeting to order. Thank you, everyone. Hopefully, the second week of school is not as hectic as the first week.

We will go ahead and start off with the approval of minutes.

Approval of minutes: VP Dexton Lake: Moved / Senator Jared Fry: Second / Voting body: Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

We don’t have anyone in Public Forum this week, so we’ll cruise past that.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

As for President’s Report, I just wanted to go through a few things that I think would be helpful for us to facilitate this meeting a lot faster and in a more orderly fashion. I just want to encourage all of you to go over the house rules again and specifically address how I expect these meetings to go when it comes to questions (if you have questions or if you have answers to a question): please wait until you’re called upon by me or indicate that you have your answer then I can call. Then we can go in an orderly fashion, so not everyone’s talking over each other. That’s my fault, last week I should have handled it better, but I was busy figuring out all the motions and “so moved”s so I’ll be better at it. Just review house rules so we can get familiar with it.

Other than that, I want to remind you that next week we have President Cockett coming to speak to us. She’ll be coming to address campus safety. I met with her, and we agree that we’re going to have a pretty consistent basis where she’s going to come and report on different areas of campus. The first week I’ve asked her to speak on campus safety, which is a big thing for us as students. She’ll bring Earl Morris—and I forgot the other person she’s bringing—but Earl Morris is our new Chief of Police. He obviously is going to be probably the most important person for us to know when it comes to campus safety. VP Lake, VP Rivera, and I met with him for lunch and we felt like he was a good guy and a good person for this job. He’ll be here, and I forgot the other individual’s name but he’ll go over the different codes we have, like Code Blue and things like that and how that works so that if we’re alone then we can better lead other students and make them aware. Be prepared please, especially with President Cockett taking her time to come join us. If you have any questions, make sure they’re good and concise and let’s get to know more about how this school works.

Outside of that, we have Aggie Heroes coming up on October 16th. I’ve sent out the link on how to nominate people. Does anyone have any questions about that? September 13th is the deadline and
October 16\textsuperscript{th} will be the event. Our goal is about 700 people. It’s a Passport event for all freshmen attending; we just made it that recently so that we can get more numbers there. Please encourage people in your councils to share it and also if you guys could attend it and as many people as you find. Any questions about that?

\textbf{VP Low?}

\textbf{VP Cooper Low:} September 13\textsuperscript{th} is Leven’s as well, right?

\textbf{President Sami Ahmed:} Yeah, September 13\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{VP Cooper Low:} Thanks for making all the deadlines the same day! It’s great.

\textbf{President Sami Ahmed:} Leven’s should have a list of your names there. If they don’t, I will send a list of your names so they’ll just be checking you off. Most of you guys have done it, but yeah, September 13\textsuperscript{th} is my favorite deadline apparently.

This is my President’s Report.

\textbf{Does anyone have questions? VP Brain?}

\textbf{VP Emma Brain:} It was just a stream of consciousness. I said Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{President Sami Ahmed:} Okay.

That’s my President’s Report.

\textbf{UNFINISHED BUSINESS}

We have no unfinished business and no new business.

\textbf{VP Tarren Jessop:} I have a question: did we decide on when we’re going to do the joint meeting for any money we have left over?

\textbf{President Sami Ahmed:} At this point, I believe we’re going to wait until these first two weeks of school are over and then come up with a better time because a lot of students are busy and with a lot of events happening we don’t want to worry about that meeting just yet. Does anyone have anything to add to that? Linda?

\textbf{NEW BUSINESS}

Alright, no new business.

\textbf{COUNCIL UPDATES}

We’ll go into council updates. We’ll start with VP Low. Go ahead.

\textbf{VP Cooper Low:} Alright. The rest of Weeks of Welcome is in full force. High Stakes Bingo is tonight. I guess I’ll announce stuff from our office and let everybody else announce stuff going on from their office. High Stakes Bingo is going on tonight. We have Aggie Showcase on Thursday. It’s still happening, still going; we hit a few red tapes, but we’re managing, we’re doing it. Friday’s the 2000’s Dance, 9:00 in the Ballroom. We also have PoBev on Saturday. Also, there’s the movie on Old Main Hill tomorrow at 8:30. Right now
it’s still planned for outside; there is a chance of rain, but as of right now it’s still planned for outside.

I yield.

VP Braden Tomlinson: Tomorrow we have our Athlete Meet-and-Greet in the Sunburst Lounge at 10:30. The sports that will be there are USU Soccer (Women’s Soccer) and USU Women’s Volleyball as well as softball, rugby, men’s soccer, and Quidditch. How did I forget them? They’re so good! They really are, they’re money. We’ll have free Aggie Ice Cream, so come, say hi, grab a scoop, tell your friends about it.

We’re also doing March Matches tomorrow. Meet at 3:20 in front of the softball field, we’re going over to the women’s soccer game, and there’s free pizza for the first 100 students.

The last thing is Stripe the Stadium on Saturday. Gates open at 3:30 PM. If anyone asks you if they need to wear a shirt—I mean, yes, they should wear a shirt—but it doesn’t need to be a certain color because they will all be laid out for them. I had a lot of people asking me that so if someone else asks, that’s the answer.

I yield.

Director Cameron Olds: Over the weekend, I sent out an email regarding interviews for helping us with the rebrand. Lots of you responded, so thank you. Daria Griffith is going to be facilitating the meeting times, and I think she’s the one who’ll be conducting the interviews as well. Thanks to all of you for being willing to participate.

Also, all of you probably got an email this week regarding The New York Times. I can’t remember what the date is, but here shortly a representative from The Times will be coming and addressing us in Public Forum. He wants to pitch us an idea of potentially putting The Times at some sort of discounted rate for students so it’s more accessible and part of that is he wanted to give everyone on EC the same access. You all have an email; I encourage you to go explore it, see if it’s something you like, see if it’s something you feel like could be useful to other students so that when he comes, we can ask questions for him. It’ll be on Public Forum here in a couple of weeks; I don’t remember which day.

With that, I yield.

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Okay, I don’t have a whole lot going on this next week. I have applications out for the GRC, so I’m hoping to add a couple of freshmen. We’ll probably be doing interviews. If you know anyone or if you’re on Twitter, go retweet my tweet so more people see it. Sometimes it’s very hard to get the word out.

I have a meeting next week—not next week, tomorrow—with the IOGP and we’re going to start talking about what we’ll be doing for the legislative session. We have three days at the state capitol: we have Higher Ed Day, we have Aggie Ice Cream Day, and then we have one lobbying day. So far, it’s looking like our lobbying day is going to be dedicated to mental health, but that might change.

I yield.

VP Dexton Lake: Since we didn’t have school yesterday, I didn’t have an opportunity to have Academic Senate. However, I was able to talk with our two upcoming senators—our two senators that have upcoming weeks (that’s Senator Brost as well as Senator Dent). As far as their weeks go, they are both very well organized. They have great activities coming up; I was really impressed by some of their ideas.

Just to give you a brief overview: CAAS Week does their traditional Tractor Parade and their traditional shish kabobs which go toward—the reason I bring this up is because I would ask you to participate in those events. The Tractor Parade is in remembrance of the van accident from a few years ago, as well as
the shish kababs that they sell on Wednesday of CAAS Week go towards a CAAS Student in need. They use that money, they build it up for that, and then in February they do a Chili Cook-Off, so the total amount goes towards somebody who is in need. The last few years it’s been everything from... It’s mostly been high-illness individuals, like cancer. I would highly encourage you to go support them. They’re cheap; they’re only like a dollar.

As far as Business Week goes, one thing I’m excited for in particular is that they’re doing a benefit concert for Operation Underground Railroad and they’re going to try to bring—it’s more of an and/or situation: either Foreign Figures and/or The National Parks. That’s in the works right now. Of course, there are other things that are going on, and I would seriously ask that you would support our senators and the hard work they put in for that and share their graphics when they are being shared.

Speaking of graphics, I sent out a graphic regarding Student Fee Board. I’d appreciate it if you’d continue to share that. I’ll send it out again every week. Applications close on September 29th, so we still have a little while, but I would like exceptional individuals to apply. If you know anyone who is exceptionally exceptional, please have them apply.

President Sami Ahmed: Did you send that through an email?

VP Dexton Lake: I sent it through Slack. If you haven’t seen it, just get on the Slack #officers2020 or #2020officers or whatever it is and it should be in there. It works for social media and for everything. I’ll only be having the one graphic because Cam’s super backed up in his office, and rightfully so. They’re busy, so we’re only going to stick with the one.

Also, I mentioned this over the training, but make sure your calendar is marked for October 8th, with the exception of VP Jessop and VP Brain, for the Fee Board Kick-Off Breakfast. That’s at 7:30 in the Center Colony Room. That’s a great opportunity to meet your administrator or the person who’s asking for the fee or the person whose fee you’re over.

VP Cooper Low: Which colony room?

VP Dexton Lake: Center.

VP Jenny Patino: My turn. Okay, Thursday is the Aggie Showcase and also the Diversity Block Party. We have everything all lined up, almost all the Access and Diversity groups will be out there promoting what they’re about and their events. We’re also serving fruit kabobs, so there’ll be some ??????????, lime, and all that fun topping. If you guys are free from 11 to 1, go get some.

Also, I have my first Clubs meeting on Thursday as well. Thursday’s filled with a lot of stuff but, you know, I’m excited. I’ll be talking more about the club rules and what they’re required to do and the club finding and all that.

On Friday I’m also having my first Diversity Cabinet, and we’ll be planning out Diversity Week. I already have almost all of the events all planned out, it’s just that we need to let them know and tell them deadlines about the Global Picnic and what they need and also all the other important events and things.
Also, the applications for the Committee of Student Clubs and Organizations are still out, the Council, so if you guys can share the graphic (I will post it on Slack) it’d be really helpful. I want my CoSCO Team.

Any questions?

If not, I yield.

VP Tarren Jessop: Tomorrow is the SAA/Service Center Kick-Off. We’re very excited. Please come. It’ll be very good. We’ll have live music and it’ll be chill.

Let me think... Jenny and I have been discussing partnering for the True Aggie Night in October because it does overlap with Diversity. Hopefully by then our ramp system will be up and running and that would be a really great way to promote inclusion and diversity in that way.

We were going to be holding the Bridging Banquet on the 10th of September; however, that has been postponed. I will get that date to you as soon as I know.

I yield.

VP Emma Brain: She kind of took mine. Tomorrow, actually, we have a Snacktivity at the same time as VP Tomlinson, so if you want normal ice cream go to him and if you want ice cream in an ice cream cone, come to me.

Other than that, the only really special thing I have is on September 25th. Lieutenant Governor Cox, who’s also running for governor, is going to be coming up to Utah State to do a service project with the Service Center. I’m not going to open it up to the entire SILC—well, I will, but I wanted to tell all of you first, if that interests you. If you want to meet him, come pick fruit with us. We’re gleaning, so we go to trees that otherwise are abandoned, and we get food for people and bring it to SNAC. Tell me if you’re interested.

I yield.

President Sami Ahmed: Thank you.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any advisor announcements, Linda?

Linda Zimmerman: Just one. I will be at USU Price campus Monday and Tuesday of next week, so Spencer will be filling in my position in this meeting. I will miss you all.

I yield.

President Sami Ahmed: We’ll miss you too.

Alright, I just want to make one quick announcement, just something for you guys to think about. I met with President Cockett, and we were discussing communicating to students about important things that they need to know while in college, like financial aid, like health services, things like that. That was part of my initiative when I was running, and we kind of decided that maybe we need to identify a few critical things that are important to almost all students or will apply to a good majority of them. She’s asked me if I would come up with a list of things and then we’ll work on how to communicate those better to our students. I want to open it up to you guys; think about it and if you have ideas or things you feel are
important, like if you feel financial aid should definitely be part of that or healthcare services or whatever you think is important, please let me know. Then me and my President’s Cabinet will work through identifying those things.

Yes?

Director Cameron Olds: I’ve been working with, or I was working with the Center for Student Analytics over the summer. They have data that shows which types of resources actually promote persistence, so that might be a good place.

President Sami Ahmed: What is it called? The Center…

Director Cameron Olds: For Student Analytics. I can actually—I have the data with me; we can set up a meeting. I think you should explore those. He and I and my office have been thinking about creating a PR campaign around those resources and making students more aware of it, so I’d love to partner with you and President Cockett on that.

President Sami Ahmed: Ok, perfect.

VP Low?

VP Cooper Low: I think going along with that a little bit: somethings that is always a concern is student fees and tuition, like “where is it all going?” like the transparency thing. I love the event we had spring semester; I think that’s something that should continue. I think it’d be really cool with this PR campaign to—I can see a really nice video with, like, I just see it traveling down a line, and there are graphics, like “this is where this is going, it goes to the Student Health and Wellness Center, it’s for you” and blah blah blah, like a voiceover, and it’s mostly graphic rather than students. I don’t know; maybe you can do both.

President Sami Ahmed: Like data and numbers only?

VP Cooper Low: Yeah, I just have this vision for something like that. I think a video that students—that just public, kind of fun, kind of interesting, that shows where your student fees are going.

President Sami Ahmed: Thank you.

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: I’m currently working on a PR campaign on certain things that our student body needs but they don’t necessarily know about because I feel like a lot of times at orientation they’re so bombarded with so much information that they just end up forgetting a lot of it. If you and Director Olds want to partner up, I would really like that.

President Sami Ahmed: Perfect. Thank you.

Any other comments?

It’s more of you running along and thinking about it and as more ideas come to you, come speak with me. Those of you who have interests: we can speak more in my office.

Outside of that, this is the end of our meeting.
ADJOURNMENT

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Moved / Director Cameron Olds: Second / Voting body: Passed

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, President Sami Ahmed, VP Dexton Lake, VP Tarren Jessop, VP Paulina Rivera-Soto, VP Cooper Low, VP Jenny Patino, VP Emma Brain, VP Braden Tomlinson, Senator Jared Fry, Director Cameron Olds, Assistant Anna Kremnev