CALL TO ORDER

President Sami Ahmed: I call this meeting to order. Thank you, everyone, for coming. We'll just go down the list of agenda items.

We took minutes in April (a long time ago), so I want to entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

Approval of minutes: VP Dexton Lake: Moved / VP Emma Brain: Second / Voting body: Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

President Sami Ahmed: We'll turn the time to Public Forum, to James Nye who's here to speak to us about parking. We'll turn the time to you.

James Nye: Thank you. Thank you for letting me come.

I'm sure that the first week of class you may have had parking concerns. No? Not yet? They're coming. So, what we wanted to do was get in front of those, introduce ourselves, and put a face to a name. I'm James Nye. I'm the Director of Parking and Transportation Services. This is Cassandra Fisher; she's our office manager. This is Alden Erickson; he's our Shuttle Supervisor for the Aggie Shuttle. Now you know us, right? Come see us if you have issues or concerns. We are on your team. We're going to do the very best we can for our students on this campus.

Go ahead, Cassandra. We're going to talk to you just a little bit about how we get around this university. Some of you may have participated in a survey last spring that talked about how we get around. Realize that parking is only one option that people get around this university.

These are student responses that we've gathered: 22% of our students said that they walk to campus on a daily basis. Who in here's walking to campus on a daily basis? What are you going to do when it's cold, snowy, wet? Are you still going to walk? Probably. When it's 20 below? No. So that number dropped to 14% when it's nasty weather. What that really means is that the secondary option for most people is the Aggie Shuttle, so what do you see when it's snowy? Cold? Overflow. Aggie Shuttle's full because everybody's doing the same thing you're doing. Just recognize that when it's cold, our parking lots are full too because people drive more when it's cold and it's snowing, so you can get full. Just recognize that on
those days campus is going to feel really full and congested, even on the Aggie Shuttle.

Any bikers in our group? One biker, so about 5% of our group. You may have noticed the nice bike lanes on our campus. That's great, but nobody will use those in the winter; not a lot of people bike in the winter and people generally don't bike when it's snowy or cold. That number drops to 2% and most of those people drive a car.

The next one: carpooling. Anyone sharing a permit? No? 8% say that they drove with somebody and split the price of a permit.

Aggie Shuttle was 22%, CVTD was 12% of our population for students to get to campus last year. We'll get into Aggie Shuttle a little bit more. We have 11 busses, and we're running 10 of those busses every day (we keep one bus in reserve). We've added a new route to help people get around a little bit. We're proud of this Aggie Shuttle system that the students fund. It's your system, and we implemented a new shuttle route this year because we had some of your old officers that left last year came and talked to us. They said, "is it possible that we could do this?" so we ran some numbers and looked at it and said, "yes, this is a possibility." The reason they wanted this is because they said, "we are in the Nutrition and Food Sciences building" (and that's the building by Aggie Ice Cream) they said, "we've got to get there from that building to Old Main in less than 10 minutes and if we didn't utilize the shuttle the way it's been running we can't make it. We're always late." So, we reversed one route so you can now make it from Aggie Ice Cream, from NFS to the ARC in about 5 minutes. You can make it to class. We listened.

Go to the car one. Thirty-one percent of our students said that they still drive singly on a daily basis. Folks a lot of our students want to park on central campus. Are you familiar with the campus plan? The transportation plan? Our campus planners decided that you, as a younger group of able-bodied people, should be able to walk 10 minutes to and from campus night or day. As we move—can you bring up the campus map now? —as we move and build more parking lots or more buildings in parking lots that is the plan. We're starting to see the first phase.

So, we're starting to see the first phase of removal of on-campus parking for students. You need to be aware of it because you're going to hear about it. What we've had to do is we've sold 800 fewer Blue permits this year than we did the year before. That has not made your friends happy. Will you slide it down Cassandra? Okay, so most of the Blue lots are here. On the other side of the highway, at Aggie Ice Cream parking lot we have this what we call Blue East, and then we have the old LDS church parking lot.

Starting in September, the end of September, we're starting new construction for a new parking structure in this lot. This is a faculty/staff lot. In order to accommodate all of the permits that have already been sold to faculty and staff, we've had to utilize this lot and 106 stalls. That was Blue last year. We had to utilize half of this lot, which was also Blue last year. So, we're seeing fewer stalls for Blue, but we're also selling fewer permits next year.

Starting in May, we're going to lose this parking lot to an IT building. We're going to lose this parking lot to a new housing development. We're trying to build a new structure in here where Valley View Tower was, but all of these things are extremely expensive. This particular structure came in at $28,000 per stall, so it's 11.2 million dollars that we're going to have to spend. By the time we're done we'll have 415 stalls on top of the 155 stalls you just lost, minus the 128 stalls over here we're only up about 118 stalls or so. So, you can see things are getting expensive really quickly and our map is shrinking.
You are our best advocates for our campus planners. Unless you all want to ride your bikes, you are our best advocates for campus planning. I’ve worn out my welcome, almost, beating the trump for student parking on campus.

We still have this parking lot that we can be proud of, but it’s expensive. It is dedicated for student parking, right, if you’ve got a Blue permit, otherwise it’s expensive. Maybe we rethink something like that.

The campus map will look different next year. All these are built. The structure is built. We’re going to rearrange some faculty/staff parking, but it still probably won’t bode well for student parking on campus because that campus plan is in place. You need to be aware of these things for the next four years.

Who do we serve in Parking and Transportation? Who are our clients? Who do we serve? Yes?

Senator Jared Fry: Students.

James Nye: Students, right.

What percentage of our campus is dedicated for student parking? What percentage would you say?

Senator Jared Fry: Forty percent?

James Nye: Sixty-one percent is dedicated for students when you count the residential students that are living on campus.

That’s what they look at: we’re giving 61% of our campus to students. It doesn’t help the commuter student coming to and from campus, but that’s where we’re headed. We’re going to give preferential treatment to those students that are living on campus. Okay, so students.

Who else do we serve?

Director Cameron Olds: Faculty.

James Nye: Faculty and staff.

Do you know how many we have on Logan Campus? Any idea? It’s about 3,500.

Who else?

Senator Jared Fry: Employees

James Nye: Okay, part of faculty and staff.

Director Cameron Olds: Visitors

James Nye: Visitors.

You’re inviting visitors to your event, right? We’re starting a whole new Event Services-type program on campus to deal with visitors that come.
Who else?

VP Braden Tomlinson: We're a state school, so general public? Anyone in our community?

James Nye: Right.

We invite our community to what? What do we invite them to?

Director Cameron Olds: Ball games.

James Nye: Ball games; sporting events.

We invite 20,000-plus students six times a year, 10,000 people for basketball, plus all the other programs. Right.

What else?


James Nye: Yes, admissions, right?

Admissions is always doing tours, bringing people, recruiting. Right? Recruiting's a big deal. We want people to drive up that seventh north and see the campus, right?

Okay, what else?

Probably some things you may not know about; I'll just tell them to you. Right in the center of our campus, we have an elementary school where we have K-6. Moms and dads are picking up and dropping off every day. Think back to your elementary school experience right in the heart of our campus. We have childcare, we have child labs, we have doctors' offices, we have clinics, we have eight businesses on campus that draw people from the community.

What else, Cassandra?

Cassandra Fisher: Research.

James Nye: We are a top-tier research foundation, so we're constantly bringing people to this campus for research conferences. You guys may not have been here to appreciate the Small Satellite conference that was just here. It took over campus, right? It took over campus: 3,300 people came internationally to Utah State University for a week.

We have to manage all this on a daily basis, as well as student's concern. Students for us are number one. We're going to try and help them get here as quickly as possible.

What we tell students is: buy that yellow permit—slide the map down please—buy this, park in this area, ride that Aggie Shuttle up; it'll take 10 minutes. Time management: you've got to utilize some time management. You guys all know what it's like trying to get to and from class; everybody's doing the same
thing you are in that 10-minute time frame between classes. The Blue permits we’re slowing down and so we’ve had people that are saying, "look, I’ve got an internship that I’ve got to be downtown at such-and-such time and then have to be right back" or "I’ve got children." We’re taking each case individually and looking at those to see where we can place people.

It’s a challenge, folks. It’s a challenge for parking, and you’re going to hear some complaints at every institution. If we had Noelle Cockett here today, she’d say, "I have two issues on this campus: number one is space. Where am I going to put all of these classes? Number two is transportation: how am I going to get people around and flow?"

You’ve seen some of the changes on seventh north to help people. We’ve actually put in a stoplight, right? You have to actually stop now to cross the road for pedestrians. Isn’t that the way it is everywhere else you go? But it’s never been here before, so it’s going to be a change, it’s going to be something new. Can you go back to the slideshow?

Let’s just talk Aggie Shuttle, just for a minute. So, Aggie Shuttle: we have six routes open, operating from 7 to 6. Last year 1.2—just a little over 1.2 million riders. We think we’re going to smash that record this year due to the fact that we can’t sell Blue permits. We’re going to smash that record. But that means for our Aggie Shuttles we probably need to get in the mode that—those of you who will be on this committee—we will buy some additional busses. Presents a whole other issue and challenge for us. It is a great little system and so if you need to, hop on that shuttle every once in a while and just see what you think. Next slide. Evening route is and eight- to ten-minute route and you're just kind of focusing on that square. We’d love to expand that, but at the same time we can't really afford to and nor do we have the demand to at this point. It is a good one.

So, if you’re planning a huge conference or an activity and you think you’re going to overwhelm parking lots on central campus—even on a weekend, on Monday through Friday—say, "Okay, let’s park down here in the stadium, let’s catch the shuttle here and ride up to the TSC. That is an option.

We want to be your partner on any parking and transportation issue you have. We want to be here to help you. You can ask questions anytime. You shoot us an email and within the day we’ll get back to you.

Are there any questions?

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Mine’s not really a question it's more of just a concern: sometimes those Aggie Shuttles are so packed. It's not uncommon for me to get comments about student safety just because they’re so packed. People are cramming to get in. I understand that it’s kind of crazy like at 10:25 when everyone’s trying to get on that shuttle, but I do see it as a concern.

James Nye: So, your personal space is definitely invaded, right? Is that what you’re talking about?

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Yeah and just students getting injured on the bus and stuff like that.

James Nye: They seat 37?
Alden Erickson: 39.

James Nye: 39.

We won’t put any more in there. I mean, it used to be, "let’s see how many spots" and we’re trying not to do that. But at the same time, if we fill up and we’ve got room for this half, they all say, "come on, guys, it’s cold outside; we’ve got to make room for four more or we’re going to leave them for the next five minutes until the next bus gets here." That’s the issues and we do have concerns. If there were a wreck, we’ve got lots of people.

Alden Erickson: We limit it to 70.

And, you know what they say: True Aggies kiss on the A, but they meet on the bus.

Director Cameron Olds: Do you—does the Parking and Transportation Office do the development that's across from the side of the ARC right now? Is that private?

James Nye: We don’t.

Director Cameron Olds: So, what’s your contact information?

James Nye: james.nye@usu.edu and Nye is N-Y-E.

VP Emma Brain: Would you say you have a long-term goal for where you see this all going? You cut down 800 this year; will you do like 1,000 next year? That’s kind of a big question.

James Nye: That’s a hard question because in our campus plan, they don’t give us a whole lot of time. I’ve known about this—go back to the map—I’ve known about this IT building that’s going in here for about six months. What we tell our folks is, “look, once we’ve sold a pass, we’re going to honor that.” Sometimes they say, “sorry, we’ve got a timeline.”

Each building takes about a year or 18 months to build and so the sooner they can get on them... Sometimes it’s legislative money that has to be spent in this year. Sometimes it’s out of my control. For instance, this is an internal building, internally-funded building, so we talked them into waiting until after graduation to start this because where am I going to put all these spots and students with construction going on? Even though that will start before this one’s complete, we figure this one will be complete next October, so we can make it work for a couple of months. It’s a challenge.

Eventually, yes, they have buildings scheduled for this lot here, but it takes into this parking lot. Deans have plans to expand and the only place to expand is into a parking lot. The Dean should have to actually raise the money, or at least a percentage of the money because they’re only going to get a certain part
from the legislature, and they can’t count on that every year. It’s a whole process that goes into it.

So, we would anticipate that next year we’ll get this back. Of course, that one’s going to be gone, and this will probably remain the way it is. We’re anticipating we’ll get that back so we can sell additional Blues. I think we need it. I think our students need it. There are just some where their schedule is so tight, just like all of ours, right?

Director Cameron Olds: It sounds—I mean obviously there’s some logistics. It sounds like a logistical nightmare to be quite frank, but it also sounds like this has the potential to be an absolute public relations nightmare as well. I am the PR director and would be happy to help craft messages alongside you and create campaigns to help students understand the predicament that you’re in and helping them see that you bend over backwards to help people. I think a PR campaign would be fantastic.

James Nye: Now you’ve got just a little bit of knowledge about parking. You have a voice now. You can say, “they’re not trying to be bad guys; it’s just the fact of the numbers.” It’s a numbers game. It really comes down to the numbers. We’d be glad to—your voice will carry more weight than mine.

Director Cameron Olds: I’ll reach out to you and we’ll get something in the books.

James Nye: You can respond to those and most likely they’ll take your word for it. If you want to, email me and I’ll say, “here’s what I would say.” I’d be glad to give you some points.

Director Cameron Olds: I’ll shoot you an email.

President Sami Ahmed: Alright, we’re going to have to move on for time reasons, so if you have any further questions, just email it to James. We just have a few things to get through on the agenda. I hope you covered the rest of what you needed to.

James Nye: Thank you. As a little parting gift, we gladly bring two-hour validations for the parking structures. Use this when it’s snowy.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Sami Ahmed: We’re going to move on to the President’s Report, and I guess I do that.

The first thing I want to remind you guys about is Aggie Heroes. Are you guys all aware of Aggie Heroes? That’s going to be on October 16th. We’re trying to get as many people as possible to attend that. I’ll send out a link. Academic Senate is aware of this as well. I’ll send it tonight once everyone’s been aware. You can nominate potential speakers. That’s due September 13th. I’ll send you the link for any faculty, staff, Aggies, whoever. It doesn’t even necessarily have to be Aggies, but whomever you think will be a good speaker at this event, you can but them on that list. The theme is “Stories that Unite Us,” so that can kind
of guide you there.

The other thing is for the guys with the suits: please go and get fitted at Leven’s if you haven’t done that already. If they ask you any questions about payment, just tell them we’re paying for it all at once. If you have any special things you want to do, you’ll do that on your own time once they have the suits ready, so don’t make any orders that are extra, more than the $125 we’re willing to pay for until we have the suits. For the ladies, if you can go and make sure by September 13th you’ve gotten your uniform or outfit ordered with Sophie, that’d be great.

Last, the Upstander training dates are on your agenda. Make sure you go to those.

That’s my President’s Report. Any questions on any of that report?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Sami Ahmed: Next, we’re going to move to the unfinished business we have from our retreat and from last April, which is the $5,400 budget allocation and the Hearing Board appointment. We’ll go to the budget allocation first.

Just to kind of jog your memory, we have on the table as part of the discussion we had the $5,400 being allocated to all the directors and committee members under you, splitting it to $180. Then we also have the allocation for potential election fund. The third option was giving the money to one of Jenny’s directors for clubs and reallocating the rest among the different directors. With that, I open it up to discussion.

VP Jenny Patino: Okay, I’m going to start off.

VP Dexton Lake: You have to call on her.

President Sami Ahmed: Sorry. Yeah, remember to speak when you’re called on

VP Jenny Patino: Sorry

President Sami Ahmed: I didn’t see your hand, you’re good.

VP Jenny Patino: I just want to apologize. This wasn’t my decision. Josh left it to me and said, “good luck, Jenny.” There are some things that he left on the table that I didn’t know, and this was one of them. I want you guys to know that all I want from here—I just want all of us to be happy. To be honest, it’s just like, at this point I don’t even care if none of my directors receive anything because they’ll still be working as hard as they were. I just want you guys to know it wasn’t my decision to raise up my budget. I’m sorry to cause a lot of problems. It wasn’t my plan because I didn’t know about it. At this point, I just want everyone to be happy and to receive what they want to receive.

President Sami Ahmed: VP Low?

VP Cooper Low: So, I thought about this a lot, and I don’t know if we can put another option on the table or if there’s—or if that’s even a thing.
VP Dexton Lake: Point of parliamentary procedure information (I can’t remember the term right now): but to be able to do that—we—and to be quite honest, there has been some other options that have been discussed just independently which should be brought up and other options should be brought up—to do that we’d have to open it back up to a discussion and it’d have to be about... So, the best course of action to take would be to decide whether or not we’re going to vote on Jenny’s—excuse me, on this matter of the Diversity VP thing and then at that point open it up to further suggestions.

Does that make sense? Do you have...

VP Cooper Low: Well, I guess not.

President Sami Ahmed: Any other comments on what’s on the table?

Allocation of $5,400 to the Clubs Director: VP Dexton Lake: Moved / VP Tiffany Bird: Second / Voting body: Failed

President Sami Ahmed: That fails to pass.

VP Dexton Lake: Now I would like to make the motion to open it back up, to open the conversation back up to other suggestions to how this money should be allocated.

Linda Zimmerman: Point of information: if you do that, per legislation we need to bring that back to all 22 officers for discussion.

VP Dexton Lake: But can we discuss it here and then take it back to them? We don’t have to vote on it, but we could...

Linda Zimmerman: Per legislation, it’s a joint meeting.

VP Dexton Lake: Okay.

Linda Zimmerman: So, we would probably want to have a joint meeting and have that discussion, then it’s solidified in this body. But if you want to, you can open it up for discussion. The only thing I thought that you could vote on since everyone voted on that was just to give all directors and presidents on your councils—split that equally.

VP Dexton Lake: So, does that have to be voted on? That probably does have to be voted on to have that joint meeting then?

Linda Zimmerman: I don’t know, it’s per legislation

President Sami Ahmed: Let’s open up to further discussion.

VP Dexton Lake: That needs to be voted on to have further discussion, and then we’d call the joint meeting.

President Sami Ahmed: VP Tomlinson?
VP Braden Tomlinson: Are there two other options?

President Sami Ahmed: The other two.

VP Dexton Lake: Well, point of information on that: if we were to vote on it, we can table those and bring it back to the joint meeting so that we don’t just all of a sudden vote on it and then there’s nothing to have a joint meeting about.

Does that make sense?

President Sami Ahmed: So, Linda, who is it up to to decide if we’re going to go into further discussion?

Linda Zimmerman: From our joint meeting at our training, I thought we had two options on the table. If you change those, I would suggest we bring back the joint meeting.

President Sami Ahmed: I’m in favor of just voting on the two items that we have. I’m of the opinion we’re all going to have good ideas, but we’re not going to come to a consensus, one choice. I think the ideas we brought up so far are good enough for us to all take a vote on them and go from that point, because no matter what the suggestion is—everyone in here has great suggestions, but we’re not all going to come to a consensus, “we love it,” “let’s go forward with it.” All 22 officers have been informed of what was going to be discussed here, and I feel like that should be the point of action.

VP Dexton Lake: I’m just making a point of information that if it were to be moved and seconded that it would be—per voted—it would have to be opened up to the joint meeting.

If it was moved to table it to open discussion, to further open discussion. Right? If we tabled it and made the motion to have further discussion, it would have to happen?

President Sami Ahmed: It would have to happen.

VP Dexton Lake: Regardless of—your opinion is extremely valid, but it would have to happen.

President Sami Ahmed: Okay, alright.

Should we go ahead and vote on the two and then open it up to discussion? I’m a little confused on the procedure, I’m sorry.

VP Dexton Lake: Okay so what I made the motion to do still would have to be seconded, which was to open up to further discussion. To have that happen, it would have to be tabled.

President Sami Ahmed: What we have on the agenda?

VP Dexton Lake: What we have on the agenda.

Brought back before a joint meeting, and we wouldn’t be able to—we shouldn’t vote on—let me rephrase that: in tabling, we wouldn’t vote on the option in front of us, the
only option now because we already voted on one of them.

President Sami Ahmed: Isn’t there two?

VP Dexton Lake: Oh, you’re right. I’m sorry.

So, we’d table it. We wouldn’t vote on anything today beyond what we just voted on and then have a joint meeting, decide some more, come back, and vote on it.

Linda Zimmerman: Point of clarification: I’m just... We had this discussion back in April. Everybody should have brought that. I thought the discussion was already happening in a joint meeting. We had all those months to think about that.

VP Cooper Low: Point of clarification: there was a meeting that said we were going to bring back ideas and I don’t remember deciding on those three options. Then they were presented at the retreat, and that was the three options. I don’t know where they came from.

President Sami Ahmed: Where the three questions came from?

VP Cooper Low: Yeah.

President Sami Ahmed: They were brought in our—Linda?

Linda Zimmerman: They were just... The final discussion that I wrote down was the election, the clubs and diversity, and then splitting it equally between all your directors.

VP Cooper Low: From April?

Linda Zimmerman: From April, yeah.

VP Emma Brain: Point of clarification: would the time to have brought the new ideas been at our retreat this weekend?

Linda Zimmerman: Well, it was opened up for any other suggestions at the retreat.

I just feel we have to have another joint meeting, and it’s going to be difficult to get all 22 back together. Which we can do.

VP Braden Tomlinson: Point of clarification: so theoretically, if we voted on these two options and they both didn’t pass, then...? Would
we have to go back to a joint meeting?

VP Cooper Low: Point of clarification: if we voted on the two and one of them was voted in favor or won, could we amend it from there?

VP Dexton Lake: It would have to be written.

President Sami Ahmed: So, I guess?

Maybe Linda can answer this: we’d have to go into a discussion if other new items want to be brought up with all 22 of us?

Linda Zimmerman: I would suggest, if that’s the route you guys want to go, that you table it and then bring it to the joint meeting.

President Sami Ahmed: Can we vote on if that’s the route we want to go on?

VP Dexton Lake: We have to.

Okay.

Senator Jared Fry: I second your early motion.

VP Dexton Lake: Let me withdraw that early motion because it wasn’t phrased correctly.

Tabling discussion for a joint meeting: VP Dexton Lake: Moved / Senator Jared Fry: Second / Voting body: Passed
President Sami Ahmed: We’ll table these two items and open up to further discussion with all 22 officers.

VP Low?

VP Cooper Low: So, that being said, obviously we all have a lot of ideas of legislation and everything we want to pass and we do have to call the other meeting and stuff but I guess what I’m asking is we’re not going to lose any ground by trying to take some time to vote on this? That’s not going to take away from trying to vote on other things, right?

VP Dexton Lake: Mmhmm.

VP Cooper Low: That was just my only concern on calling the other meeting, just knowing if we can’t get other things done. I just want to leave that in the air.

VP Dexton Lake: Point of parliamentary procedure: in the instance like this where something’s been tabled, it just tables the one thing we’re discussing. Anything can be—from this point on, anything else can be discussed and voted on. Just this issue will have to be moved for the meeting.

President Sami Ahmed: Okay, so we’re going to have this discussion on whenever the date is.

From this point on, we’ll go towards the Hearing Board. With the Hearing Board, as we decided, we all voted on—six or seven, Anna?

Assistant Anna Kremnev: Six.

President Sami Ahmed: We have those individuals and Krystin Deschamps came back and she still has to do the background checks. We have a consensus of who we wanted as the top two and the three and four were tied, and five and six were tied as well if you’d remember. We’re going to have to vote on the order of who we want. She’ll do all the approving, background checks, and make sure everything is good, but from this point moving forward at least she’ll know, “Executive Council has approved these individuals.” So, if you have that list—Anna, do you have that list?

Assistant Anna Kremnev: Can you see that? Do you want it on the projector?

President Sami Ahmed: I can see it here.

Okay, the first individual we have was Brittany Dickwell and the second person after her was Junior Hernandez. We’re going to have to make the decision between Hannah Jackson and fourth place—who was that?

Assistant Anna Kremnev: Nathan Taylor.

President Sami Ahmed: Nathan Taylor. Five and six as well, which are Scotty Fletcher and Camilo Harris.

Braden Tomlinson: We’re voting, and originally we needed to fill four spots. Is that correct?

President Sami Ahmed: Yes, and this includes Dexton and James as well if you
remember.

VP Braden Tomlinson: Dexton is one of those four?

President Sami Ahmed: Yes. Correct.

Linda Zimmerman: Point of clarification: there was the emergency hearing this summer, so Sami appointed Dexton as a USUSA representative and then James Smith. They technically had not been approved by you guys, so they need the approval to stay on.

She loved the fact that you had six. She would like it in order because what if number one or number two decline? Then she has to go to three or four. Or if one of them doesn’t pass the background or whatever. So, if we could place one, two, three... I think one and two were very clear at the places. Three/four tied and five/six were tied. Does that kind of make sense?

VP Cooper Low: Point of clarification: Junior’s actual name is Jorge or George, so J-O-R-G-E.

VP Dexton Lake: That’s point of information.

VP Cooper Low: Oh, sorry.

President Sami Ahmed: Linda, I have a question for you. Do we have to vote who we want to the three and four and then five and six?

VP Jenny Patino: Point of information: it’s Brittany Dikwa, so D-I-K-W-A.

Assistant Anna Kremnev: Gotcha. I was like, “that’s not a very Ghanaian name.” D-I-C-K—

VP Patino: No, D-I-K—wait I’m pretty sure it’s W-A.

Assistant Anna Kremnev: Thanks.

President Sami Ahmed: So, I’ll probably read the information of three and four, and then we’ll take a vote on who we want to be three and then the next person will be four. Then we’ll do the same for Scotty and Camilo.

From our discussion on Sunday, we have Hannah Jackson, recommended by Nathan Scott. “A senior in vocal performance, Hannah Jackson is very dedicated to her studies and very respected within the college of the arts. She has applied for the use of Academic Opportunity funds several times and has always requested an amount below the maximum because she seeks out all other avenues of funding first. Her paperwork is always thorough, and she is honest and compassionate.”

For the next one, we have Nathan Taylor, recommended by VP Brain. “As the director of graduate student resident life, Nathan Taylor has experience working with sensitive situations. After losing an election race
this spring, he immediately sprang back into action and became involved in other things. He is a gay Family and Consumer Sciences Education major and he approaches everything with an unbiased eye."

VP Dexton Lake: That’s three and four. Point of clarification.

President Sami Ahmed: Yes, that’s three and four. The person we vote in favor of will be third and then the person after that will be four. We’ll do a similar thing.

Designation of third appointment choice: Hannah Jackson: 1 / Nathan Taylor: 7

President Sami Ahmed: Alright, thank you. Nathan will be the third person and then Hannah will be the fourth.

Five and six is between Scotty Fletcher, recommended by Nathan Scott. “Scotty is an acting major in the college of the arts. He is involved in FSL, Residence Life, and participates in Drag events. He is respected, charismatic, and maintains confidentiality and discretion.”

Then we have Camilo Harris, recommended by VP Rivera-Soto. “Camilo is an international student who was raised in Venezuela and later fled to Colombia to escape persecution. He is extremely intelligent and earned an academic scholarship to study in the US. His major is within the college of natural resources. He is honest and direct and speaks with concision.”

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Point of information: I did find out that because he is a graduate student, he might be required to do fieldwork spring semester, so that may be something just to keep in mind. He might not be around as much.

President Sami Ahmed: Is this a certain thing?

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: I don’t know. It’s a possibility.

Linda Zimmerman: Krystin can always call and see.

Designation of fifth appointment choice: Scotty Fletcher: 2 / Camilo Harris: 6

President Sami Ahmed: So, Camilo will be five and Scotty Fletcher will be 6.

Approval of Hearing Board appointees: VP Dexton Lake: Motion / Senator Jared Fry: Second / Voting body: Passed

President Sami Ahmed: It is approved.
NEW BUSINESS

Alright, we don’t have any new business to bring up, so we’ll go into our council updates.

COUNCIL UPDATES

We’ll start with VP Brain.

VP Emma Brain: Did I have to ask for permission?

President Sami Ahmed: We’re into our council updates, so you don’t.

VP Emma Brain: Thank you.

Not much to update because things haven’t happened yet. We’re in intense planning mode with food and everything, figuring out budgets for that.

Our kickoff is next Wednesday, so stop by that if you can.

That about covers it. I yield.

President Sami Ahmed: Director Olds?

Director Cameron Olds: Can I ask questions?

President Sami Ahmed: Yes.

Director Cameron Olds: Is that your guys’ joint deal?

VP Emma Brain: Ours

VP Cooper Low: How do you ask questions? Are we still in parliamentary procedure at this point?

VP Dexton Lake: They can call on you, technically

VP Emma Brain: I have another thing to add: we’ve got the Blood Battle going on. That’s down there, so definitely do that if you can. If we win, it’s awesome. It’s also just a good karmic thing to do. We need volunteers, so if you know of anyone who’s premed, that’s a really good thing to get involved with.

I yield.

VP Cooper Low: I have a question. How much longer is the Blood Battle going for?

VP Emma Brain: I have it on my phone.

President Sami Ahmed: It’s the rest of the week. It’s going to be from 9-4 PM every day.

VP Cooper Low: If you want me to send an email on the volunteer list, if you need more, we have a volunteer database (student events does). We’re trying to do that more, so when you said that
you need volunteers, there’s that.

VP Emma Brain: Yeah, we’re struggling.

VP Tarren Jessop: Like Emma said, our opening social is coming up next Wednesday. It’ll be so fun!

Our next thing is the Bridging Banquet going on September 10th. I don’t know how many of you guys actually attended the Bridging Banquet, but it’s a big dinner where we’re going to bring in a lot of alumni from different fields and students can sign up to have dinner with them and discuss how they got their career and if there are any opportunities for internships. We know quite a few people who actually got jobs by attending last year. Those invitations are applications to attend should be going out next week, if you guys could all keep an eye out for it. You are all invited to apply to come! It’s not an apply-and-choose; if you apply, you get to come.

A month from today is actually our first True Aggie Night! Speaking of, I don’t know if I’ve actually spoken about it because I feel like it’s all I talk about, but we have gotten a ramp system for True Aggie Night approved so it will be wheelchair accessible this year. We’re going to begin our fundraiser for this project probably by the end of this week. As soon as that link is up—we’re going to do an AggieFunded which is like a GoFundMe but just for our university—as soon as that’s up you guys can help spread the word. We’re really excited about it. We need to raise about $5,000 dollars.

Feeling good. I yield.

VP Jenny Patino: Okay, I don’t have a lot. I don’t have anything. I yield.

VP Dexton Lake: Just so you know, I do have to report on the senators to this group so some days will take a little bit more time.

As far as my summer: I wanted to update you all on one of my biggest initiatives, the campus lighting. I got Facilities Enhancement money on that. It looks like there’ll be ground lighting put in the Quad, which I’m very excited about because it won’t pose a safety hazard that poles could for such a high-activity area as well as it won’t close up the Quad. Whatever money is left over from that will be used to light the bottom of Old Main. Those parking spots where that concrete wall is will be on the other side of the street, and we’ll cast onto those parking spots. Whatever cost is left after that, even if it’s the entirety of the cost, Facilities has agreed to pay the remainder of that, so there will be lights down there.

Student Fee Board Student at Large application is now live on USUSA. I’m working with Cam to get a graphic; as soon as I have that please send that out amongst your social media so I can get some applicants. Go ahead.

VP Tarren Jessop: So that position, that person can have no affiliation with any other student groups. Is that correct?

VP Dexton Lake: No, they can. In fact, one of the questions on there is “what leadership—

VP Tarren Jessop: “What clubs are you in?”
VP Dexton Lake: Yeah.

So, anybody can apply, and I encourage them to do so.

I am looking for somebody from each college. There are only seven spots so not every college will be covered, but ideally.

VP Braden Tomlinson: Where do they go to do that again?

VP Dexton Lake: It’s on the USUSA website under Applications. It says, “Fee Board Student at Large.”

If you know anybody who would be exceptional at that, I’m looking for exceptional people.

As far as CHaSS goes, Light on the Hill is tonight at 6:00 and they’re starting a Kindness Campaign, so when that comes available, I’ll let you know, and you can share the graphics. That’s at the request of the Dean.

CAAS Week is planned, so please, as soon as Weeks of Welcome is over Sakia’s going to start sharing those graphics. She’d love it if you’d share those. Same with Business Week, it’s a couple of weeks after. Be looking out for those graphics to share and please feel free to support those senators. They would love your support, even if you’re not in their college.

VP Cooper Low: So CAAS Week is after Weeks of Welcome? When is CAAS Week?

VP Dexton Low: It is. I think there’s another week after.

VP Cooper Low: Isn’t it FSL recruitment week? So not that same week?

Assistant Anna Kremnev: It’s the 16th to the 20th.

VP Dexton Lake: Yeah, the 16th... Thank you. I didn’t know the dates right off the top of my head. I knew it’s like the third week, just didn’t know the dates.

Aside from that, other senators are conducting their initial meetings and are having opening socials, so I don’t need to explain everybody.

With that, I yield.

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Well I just have a couple of things.

This year I’m over the GRC, which is the Government Relations Council. This year we’re going to be working a lot more closely with the IOGP, which is the Institute of Government and Politics. If any of you are particularly interested in politics, please let me know because we have a lot of really cool events coming up and speakers. For example, the Utah Supreme Court is going to come up to hear oral arguments and stuff like that, so it’s pretty cool. If you’re interested, let me know.

I don’t have a whole lot of updates.
This year we’re still waiting to see what the legislative priorities will be in the legislative session, so I will keep you updated on those in case any of you are interested in coming up to one of our lobbying days.

This year, something that I’m hoping to work on more is trying to see the way in which our campus can be more inclusive towards individuals with disabilities because I think that’s something that is not talked about, but I do think we need to be better about that.

I yield.

Director Cameron Olds: We have all got your design requests in. We had 11 projects submitted within 48 hours of the retreat. That being said, with that volume we are reaching max capacity and so how we’ve decided to handle those projects is we take them in queue, so in the order in which they are submitted, we address them. I believe—yes, I have reached out to everyone who’s submitted a request letting them know that they are in the queue and we’ll be trying to get meetings set up with you and whichever artist or designer you requested promptly. Hopefully, within the next two weeks everyone will have their initial meeting and their project will be underway. We’ll play that by ear.

With that, I yield.

Senator Jared Fry: I set up my first council meeting for next Thursday, so we’re meeting then.

Today we did Soda with the Senators down by the fountain. We went through all of the soda that we had except for one 12-pack. It was good. No grad students came by, but it was good.

With that, I yield.

VP Cooper Low: Awesome.

So Aggiepalooza was a huge success. I think I saw each and every one of you guys there at some point, so thank you so much for coming out and supporting. It was so fun. Volunteers had a great time as well. We’ve had a lot of volunteers coming out, a lot of future leaders, so definitely over the next two weeks I would, if you are at these events, focus on maybe who those volunteers are if you want them also for your different committees, if you’re taking freshmen, things like that. They will be involved in various ways.

Also, just kind of a clarification: a lot of people asked me, “where did this Ferris wheel come from?” So, I kind of want to tell the little story of how everything happened. In the past, other Student Events Vice Presidents have tried to get Ferris wheels. When they have, we’ve looked at the pricing and it’s been anywhere from $30,000 to $60,000 just for the Ferris wheel. Any quote that we got. So, we mentioned it to one of our entertainment brokers or entertainment middleman people just in passing. It was one of my ideas, so I was like, “Spencer, let’s get a Ferris wheel!” and he was like, “okay, I know people have done it in the past, but we’ll just mention it to them and see what they can give us back.” We were going to work with them with our inflatables, so they came back to us and they were like, “we found one for $10,000, and you can rent it for three days.” We were like, “sweet! That falls in our budget... almost.” So, we as Blue Crew and myself and Sophie and Spencer during summer we typically get revenue from Day on the Quad, selling spots for Day on the Quad to fund the Weeks of Welcome. We get a little money from student fees, but a lot of Weeks of Welcome and Welcome Back Week is funded via Day on the Quad, by
companies coming in and being at that. So, I sent Blue Crew out to businesses who’ve never signed up before and I went out to businesses that never signed up before and Sophie did some calls, and we got more funding than we’ve had in the past. So that was how the Ferris wheel came to be. And we still have some money for Welcome Back Week.

Okay, another announcement: the Big Agg Show. I know Aggie Radio isn’t really represented on here, but Series Committee is doing that in conjunction with them, so that’s this Thursday. We have Foreign Figures, Roseburg, Motion Coaster, Harpers, Friends at the Falls, and Sorry Mom, which was formerly The Cronies. Those are the bands you can look forward to. Make sure you come to the Big Agg Show.

I yield.

VP Braden Tomlinson: So, on Friday we’ve got the watch party. It starts at 5. It says 4:30 on the graphics, but I’m totally going to try and do it a little early. It’s at 5. We’ll be having the band that is coming to play for that hour beforehand while we hand out food and people who purchased Premium up to this point.

I know we have over 400 that have registered for Hurd Premium. There’s no cap. Last year it was capped at 500, this year it’s completely open. We’ve added a lot of benefits for that: we have all the football games and basketball games we have concessions, Wingers came in with us 30%-off purchase everything except alcohol here in Logan, and Capriotti’s is if you buy a sandwich you get a combo. We’re still working with other companies. Some of them take a long time. Anyways, we’ll be doing that. We expect to get a lot more tomorrow at Day on the Quad. That’s what happened last year, too, as people came over and saw our tent that’s one of the questions they have, so we’ll see next week what I’ve got for you.

Also, next week is the Athlete Meet-and-Greet. We’ll be having Aggie Ice Cream and so far, I believe we have all the sports that will be playing this semester, except for football.

VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: Are there any plans for a meet-and-greet with USU SAC? Because that’s their student government.

VP Braden Tomlinson: They haven’t had their meeting yet, it’s not until after Labor Day, but that’s something that I can look into.

The Athlete Meet-and-Greet isn’t something we’ve had in the past; it’s just something that I thought would be good to start.

VP Cooper Low: Something that VP Rivera-Soto had mentioned to me was the need for club sports having something similar. I know a lot of them are out at Day on the Quad, so not necessarily a meet-and-greet but just having them involved in some sort of way, having them there maybe one more day because Day on the Quad they’re kind of inundated with a ton of stuff. I don’t know, that’s just something that she mentioned to me as I was planning Weeks of Welcome, so I’m just getting that in the air right now.

VP Braden Tomlinson: Club sports will be at the meet-and-greet. When I say sports, I mean all of the sports. Whenever I say “sports”, I mean all of them, whether they’re university or not. But yes, all the club sports will be there. Actually, we’ll have more club sports there than non-club sports.
I yield.

President Sami Ahmed: Perfect.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any advisor announcements?

Linda Zimmerman: A couple.

Speaking of parking, I just got an email that because Day on the Quad tomorrow, anyone trying to park in the parking terrace—unless you have a pass—they’re not letting anybody in until after 10 for the vendors. If you’re coming to campus tomorrow, plan accordingly.

Speaking of maybe emergency requests: I was in a meeting today and there’s a lot of changes on how they’re checking for football and basketball games. I feel like our students need to know. Water bottles: you can’t take in. I want to have just a small discussion. Dr. Morales is going to send that out, but I don’t know if we should be sending stuff on the Hurd, if we want to blast something on USUSA about what they can take in and what they can’t take because that’s going to slow our lines down a little bit as we enter that first football game.

How do you want to talk about it? I feel like we need to inform our students prior to that first game.

VP Tarren Jessop: Something that was recently run by me (because I’m an employee of Event Services now): they’re planning on stationing people at the football games to hand out flyers informing people about the changes. However, I still think it would be valuable to contact the students.

Long-term they’re looking to make it so you can only bring clear bags into the stadium, which makes sense.

President Sami Ahmed: VP Tomlinson?

VP Braden Tomlinson: That’s something that we’ve talked about. There were a couple of things we wanted to find out before we said anything because we didn’t want to provide misinformation. But clear bags I believe they’re moving towards those and they will be required next year. I don’t think you’ll be able to bring a bag for football. For basketball—this is another one. As of right now, bags will not be allowed in the Spectrum, but they’re trying to change that for students. Students have their backpacks and other things if they’re still on campus and don’t know where to go, so we’re trying to work out to see if we can get a room to put those in. Just so you know, yeah, if you bring a bag to Maverick Stadium, they are all subject to check. Most likely, they will be checked.

VP Cooper Low: Point of clarification: they will be checked, but they won’t be confiscated?

VP Braden Tomlinson: No, as long as you don’t have anything that should be
confiscated, and I doubt you would have it.

Like I said, they had the scrimmage for the football team, and they were handing out the flyers. We just wanted to let them know. I’ll reach out to them to see what the plan is for that. Also, if it’s something you guys would like to put out as well, I would appreciate that.

Director Cameron Olds: Point of clarification: who has all of that information?

President Sami Ahmed: Linda?

Linda Zimmerman: Event Services. They’re supposed to email me everything because I’m going to give this to Dr. Morales to get it sent out.

We just don’t want a lot of frustrated students come gameday. If we can get out as much information as we can...

Director Cameron Olds: If you get me that information as complete and accurate as can be from Event Services, we can post, and we can start disseminating.

VP Tarren Jessop: They have somewhat of a graphic made as well.

Linda Zimmerman: One more thing: if you have the mule checked out or take the—we have a blue dolly and a green dolly—as soon as you’re done with it, those keys need to get back to Sophie in her office, or the dollies need to... Communicate with us, because it’s frustrating when we come up for the Ferris wheel on Sunday and we can’t find the keys. Also, the dolly: we looked everywhere for the dolly, and it ended up being in the senators’ room, but nobody knew. So, if you guys can help with that... They’re there for you to use, but there’s also 22 of you and full staff that use these things. If you could help us with that, that would be great.

With that, I yield.

President Sami Ahmed: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

VP Dexton Lake: Moved / VP Paulina Rivera-Soto: 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