

June 11, 2017 Press Release

- ❖ There was a Senate meeting on Saturday, June 10th, 2017
 - 5th Year Katie Feeney was confirmed as Secretary of Senate.
 - 3rd Year Athena Salim was confirmed as the Director of Disability Services.
 - The Ways and Means Committee came together and determined some changes to the Student Government Bylaws to reflect the current operating processes and establish standards that Student Government should follow.
 - Several new bills were passed during this Senate meeting.
 - Senate Enactment Bill S.18-E-003 states that if any proposed allocation of funds exceeds \$3,000, the Speaker of the Senate, within 54 hours of distributing the agenda, will, in a separate email, specifically highlight the \$3,000 or more legislation to all members of Undergraduate Student Government.
 - Senate Enactment Bill S.18-E-002 states that the use of any funds collectively towards all Student Government retreats is to be a maximum of 10% of the operating budget during each Student Government administration.
 - Senate Appropriation Bill S.18-A-001 appropriates \$60.00 to pay for the domain name and database and server usage of the new Student Government website. This was written by Achyut Anand, Web Director, and will stop the limitations that the UC website poses on the Student Government website. Student Government wishes to ensure this website is long standing and the domain stays up

- Senate Appropriation Bill S.18-A-002 appropriates \$5,029.20, which includes a 10% overrun, to be allocated towards the 2017-2018 Student Government Summer Retreat, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio from July 22-23, 2017.
- Senate Resolution Bill S.18-R-002 continues the support of Women of SG, to provide support and programming for all women in Student Government. Women of SG empowers women to have a voice and take a lead in Student Government. It will develop diverse programming that address a wide range of issues particular to women including: placing feminine hygiene products in restrooms throughout campus.
- ❖ On Wednesday, June 7th, 2017, the Lindner Student Association, the Lindner College of Business' tribunal, held an event called *Bearcats Get Down to Business*. It brought students from the Cincinnati Squash Academy (CSA), which seeks students who wouldn't traditionally go to college, and teaches them the game squash and couples that with academic resources and manners training. The event taught these students about the University of Cincinnati and the College of Business. Interim provost, Peter E. Landgren, and a panel from the Lindner College of Business spoke. This was a part of CSA's Citizenship Week.
- ❖ The Elections Facilitation Committee is working to reform their policies and processes. If students have feedback, contact Student Government by June 19th, 2017.
- ❖ Student Government Mentorship Program Mentee Applications are now open on Campuslink under the Student Government's Forms page. This is due on August 25th, 2017.
- ❖ President Emlemdi and Vice President Drage will conduct a platform update early in the Fall semester. They will review all their platform points with Senate and check the progress that they have made thus far.
- ❖ The Provostal Search Committee has begun their national search for UC's new Provost. Various leaders across the university, including President Emlemdi, is on this committee.
- ❖ On June 20th, 2017, the next Student Trustee of the University will be announced.

- ❖ Bystander Intervention training for Student Government members was this past weekend. It encourages students who are witness to a potential assault to say something and speak out. While this is not the only solution, this is an incredibly important step.
- ❖ President Emlemdi is working on Sanitization stations at Langsam Library. This will be similar to the spray bottles and cloths seen at the Campus Recreation Center. This will maintain cleanliness in the library and is already in operation at UC's regional campuses.
- ❖ Jeremy Lifter, Internal Holdover Senator, is working on back to school events with tribunals. Student Government is doing *First Directions on MainStreet*. SG members will simply be checking in and seeing if people need any help finding their classes.
- ❖ The Governmental Affairs Summit brings state, local, and city legislators together to discuss a soon to be announced topic. This will likely take place in October 2017 and will include members of various political parties.

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About the University of Cincinnati Undergraduate Student Government

The University of Cincinnati Undergraduate Student Government is the governing body of undergraduate students at UC. It is a combination of elected and appointed members. Senate meetings are weekly during the school year on Wednesday nights at 6 PM in Tangeman University Center 425. Visit us at our office at 655 Steger Student Life Center. For any questions regarding press releases or statements on behalf of Student Government, please contact the Executive Director of Media Relations, Sabari Subramanian, at subrams6@mail.uc.edu.