Agenda
By Sven van Mourik (VP):

12:15 – Call to order
12:15 – Officer Report: Senate Chair (Sven van Mourik)
12:20 – Officer Report: USC President (Patrick McDermott) on representation and SGA
12:25 – Officer Report: GSC Vice President (David Bloom) on committees
12:30 – Committee Report: Chair of Club’s Committee (Moe Bourji) on club’s night and budgets
12:35 – Committee Report: Chair of Judiciary Committee (Pierre Bach) on pending amendments
12:45 – Introduction to new senate meetings
12:55 – Unfinished (old) business and new business
      – Announcements and Adjournment

Minutes
Taken by Stephanie Dissette (Communications Director)

Meeting Begins (12:12PM)

1. Sven (VP) introduces himself, Dave, and Stephanie
   a. Invites all senators to introduce themselves in turn
   b. All introduce, and give small list of goals
2. Sven discusses design of Senate Meetings
   a. Changes this year:
      i. Encourage better communication between Senators, Constituents, and Professors
      ii. Senators are required to attend department meetings
3. Sven calls forward Pat (President USC SGA)
   a. Congratulates Senators
   b. Thanks them for desire to get involved
   c. SGA is here to support Senators – not intimidate
   d. Delegates listening to student body to Senators as a shared responsibility
   e. (Interrupts neighboring classroom – note: no more mic)
   f. Students unaware of who the Senators are and what their roles are – let’s change that
4. Sven introduces Dave (GSC SGA VP)
   a. Discusses committees
   b. Promises to present and attend weekly
5. Sven introduces Moe (Clubs Committee Chair)
   a. Discusses roles of Clubs Committee – supporting clubs
   b. Introduces events:
      i. Clubs Night – please attend as Senators
      ii. Formulating Budgets (in Senate meetings)
   c. Pierre (attending student) asks for details in Budget situation
      i. Moe responds: better to discuss when all Senators are here; but Moe presents budget ideas, not club leaders
      ii. Sven responds, no budget requests until 3rd Senate meeting or later

6. Sven introduces Pierre (Judiciary Committee head)
   a. Pierre introduces himself – to be repeated when full Senate is in attendance
   b. Judiciary Committee –
      i. Revises and approves all changes to constitution and by-laws for clubs
      ii. Sit in on Senate meetings to speak up when Constitution is violated (or clear up confusion)
      iii. Help with election taskforce
   c. Goals this year:
      i. Finish the revision process of last years’ team (Content)
      ii. Accomplish or near that by end of semester: broad discussion on format of Constitution (Format)
         1. Broad generalizations on student rules and Senate features
         2. Is it best for the Constitution to be one comprehensive document, or a broad elaboration of student rights with annexes (etc.); or what should be changed to make it more user friendly?
   d. Discusses new participants: open to everyone, including audience and Senators; get in touch if you want to participate; to be repeated when whole Senate is present
   e. First amendment to be put up to a vote:*
      i. Last year went through long revision process: article IX (Clubs and Organizations) and XI (Pertaining to Finance and Budgets) never finished voting on
      ii. Pierre explains what changes are being put to a vote; many changes pertain simply to wording; and asking for transparency
      iii. Sven thanks Pierre – discussion to follow

       Officer and Committee chair reports finished (12:35PM)

7. (12:38) Sven resumes meeting after allowing a moment to review Senate regulations
   a. Sven reviews meeting etiquette – no tardiness or cellphones etc.
b. Sven reviews voting process; and puts to Senators whether or not they are ready to vote on Pierre’s presented changes to Constitution

8. Laura (ICP) moves to accept changes to Constitution
   a. Seconded by Max (Econ)
   b. No objections
   c. Laura (ICP): amendment makes sense, except for taking out bi-laws for clubs; not well organized if taken out
   d. Bessie (Psych) responds: agrees, but the new wording is more understandable for new club leaders; the removed portions are like “red tape”
   e. Stephanie (IBA): pointless to make clubs have bi-laws; something online explaining is sufficient
   f. Laura (ICP) responds: some clubs may not need bi-laws, others do; larger clubs need some form of organization; club leaders can become dictators if not regulated (for example)
   g. Dana (CS, M, Sc): agrees, some clubs need organization, others don’t; however, adding a law won’t help, might actually discourage
   h. Bessie (Psych): not a lot of experience with clubs personally, so could an example be given of a larger club?
   i. Laura (ICP): in my experience, having a club constitution helped facilitate better communication between club members and leader(s); bi-laws don’t have to be long or specific, it’s a general request, not negative;
   j. Stephanie (IBA): feels a mission statement is enough; gives leader a goal
   k. Sven adds: Laura (ICP) already voted in favor of this Constitutional change, she will have to vote positively
   l. Bessie (Psych): mission statement is too loose; maybe add rules to that list?

9. Laura (ICP) changes position and moves to decline
   a. No objections
   b. Max (Econ) asks a question about voting process – Sven clarifies
   c. Laura (ICP) asks about typos in Constitution: is it still worth voting on, due to grammar mistakes?
   d. Sven responds, keep in mind current motion, vote on this, move to a new motion if necessary

10. Stephanie (IBA) moves for the previous question: immediate vote
    a. Declining amendment: motion fails with one vote

11. Stephanie (IBA) moves to approve this Constitutional change, as long as grammar is fixed
    a. Seconded with multiple votes
    b. Dana (CS, M, Sc) moves to approve this motion; puts matter to a vote

12. Vote: who is in favor with approving this amendment?
    a. Approved with majority vote
    b. Sven suggests that Senators look over this matter later
13. Laura (ICP) asks: how are suggestions made to Judiciary Committee
   a. Answer, informally, outside of meeting

   *Closing statements (12:52)*

15. Closing Statements, Sven (VP)
   a. Concrete plans
   b. 15 spots available on Senate – please promote filling those too

   *Meeting adjourned (12:53)*

*Changes to the Constitution to be attached*