Call to Order: Attendance
Present: (take attendance)
Absent:

Agenda

Old Business (0 min)
- NA since this is the first Senate meeting of the year

Gallery, Comments & Senatorial Reports (40 min)
- Matthew Camp (from the Office of Government Relations)
  Take action Tuesdays-Advocacy Academy, November 9th-how to run for office, community involvement-sustainability advocate-constructive conversations advocate-request for contribution and filming funding needed-October 15th event is open for suggestions-need input
- Introduce Provost, Stephanie Rowley
  Talk about music department situation-current incident engaged in a protest and felt curriculum needed more diversity-public safety called when student had protest by playing music in the hall. Situation was diffused and action went to social media-provost wants to hear students voices-feels we are important to community-wants students to feel safe and promote free speech-currently this is an ongoing situation and they are working on a plan with students and their concerns. Provost really wants an all inclusive environment. TC is working hard on finding ways to protect those who speak out-providing a safe environment for the entire community. Welcomed students to stop by the Office of Affairs if needed. Asked us as senators to be open listeners and be there for the students in our department.
  a. Address Music Education Petition
b. Ruth Aguirre (doctoral student from Music Education program) follows up

Ruth Aguirre speaking about the event that happened last Tuesday. The situation was in relation to ongoing issues in the Music Department. Student was playing music and was not violating any rules or policies here at TC. Concerned about students of color, their inclusion, their voices, their grievances, and support for them. Requesting a meeting to have their concerns heard. A meeting was requested last Spring-they have not had any meetings invitations as to date. Requesting cultural competency for the staff/professors here at TC. Students truly want to have a meeting with faculty and be part of the solution to curriculum in the music department.

- Advisor Reports: Tom Rock; Maria Hataier

Maria-next week Flu Fair 12th- Look into SLICE newsletter-doctoral symposium next Friday- Career week was a huge success 950 students served- this Monday 6m: Salary negotiations

Tom Rock- Office moved to Thorndike 1- 163 Thorndike- Open doors for student needs- Thorndike lobby change-wants to make it more of a lounge- ideas welcome/want to be a student union environment in the near future-

In-house Re-election for vacant positions (20 min)

- Residential Services Senator Vote (To be completed via Slack next Monday)
- Introduce new senators
  a. Mercer Cook - Student Resource Senator
  b. Ann Marie Flynn - Academic Affairs Committee Chair
  c. Amber Tang - Diversity Committee Chair
  d. Marianne Broeker - Go Green Senator

New Business (45 min)

- Nov 9th Advocacy Academy (organized by Matt from Office of Government Relations)
  a. Vote in-house to include Senate logo
     Vote was confirmed yes
- Columbia Halloween Party Oct 31st debate (Oren)
  a. Illustrate context of Columbia Halloween Party Halloween Party was not approved by TC administration (Maria)

Statement from Oren:
At an event for the University Senate, a few graduate school representatives began discussing a possible Halloween party, specifically one hosted at TC. After discussing with some administrators, we were informed that previous events included inappropriate costumes, making the administration hesitant about hosting a costume party. As such, we began looking out how such an event could move forward. One idea was to host it as a masquerade party, with no costumes allowed. This would also allow for the event to take place after Halloween, which is looking more likely due to timing. Another idea is to host it off campus, at a local bar. This might make it easier for various reasons, specifically certain liability issues.

A final topic that has become an issue is charging for the event. If the TC Senate approves this event, we can not charge. I have made this abundantly clear to the other senators. There is an ongoing discussion about how much each school will be expected to pay. Fortunately, most of the other schools understand and we are looking at using IGB funding to make the event free for everyone.

If the TC Senate supports remaining involved in planning this event, we can move forward and ensure our thoughts and hesitations are heard. We will be able to pull out at a later date if our concerns are not resolved. If we decide to not be involved in this event, it is unlikely we will be able to attend.

b. Pro / Con discussion

   Questions/comments: Alternatives-think about logistics-tabling until Oren has more detail on event

c. Vote in-house on whether to market event

- 2019-20 Senate Priorities
  a. Department Senators
     i. Connect with each other! Each department should have at least 2 Department Senators
     ii. Connect with your respective Department Chairs - set up a time to meet with them
     iii. Connect with the former Department Senator in your role - might help with understanding your role better (E-board can provide an introduction)
     iv. Find out if your department has a Student Advisory Council (SAC). If it does, connect with them. If it does not, brainstorm with your Department Chair whether it'd be helpful to have a SAC to gather feedback from students in your department
  b. Specialty Senators
i. Connect with your respective Offices - set up a time to meet with the staff (Director / Assistant Director / Associate)

ii. Connect with the former Specialty Senator in your role - might help with understanding your role better (E-board can provide an introduction)

c. Appoint 2-3 senators to lead Interdepartmental Happy Hours

   Kamille Way- Katie TerBush-

d. Appoint 2-3 senators to be on the Campus Safety Advisory Committee

   i. Meetings are once a month in the middle of the month, on Tuesday early afternoon (times and dates are TBD)

   Ann Marie Flynn-

e. Appoint 2-3 senators to be Government Relations liaisons (these senators will communicate directly with Matt Camp)

   Honey Walrond-Cesar Plascencia- Jordan Carr-Shavonna Hinton-Jonthon Coulson

Executive Board Reports (15 min)

- Communication Officer Updates Slack-Promotion-Google Folder
- Treasurer Updates 2 proposals to be voted on next week, name stands next week
- Parliamentarian Updates Shirt Design- Bridge the gap between alumni and students-guided tour on campus idea-women’s columbia basketball game proposal
- Vice President Updates Full senate this year-yeah!! Reach out for questions/needs
- President Updates First board of trustee meeting-introduction of Monica (new president)- 2 meetings per semester- sits on student affairs committee- Also sit on committee of diversity-brings together reps from different offices/faculty First year for a student leadership council- TC Alumni Association Department

Announcements (10 min)

- Open floor
- Office of Vice President of Diversity & Community Affairs: Open House 12-3pm on Wed Oct 16th at Zankel 128
- Flu Fair - Oct 10th from 12-6pm Everett Lounge, free and open to all, just need TC ID
- Title IX Tuesday Oct 8th 12-12:45pm Thorndike 145

Housekeeping (20 min)
Finalize Committees: Academic Affairs Committee, Student Life Committee, University & Institutional Affairs Committee, Professional Development Committee

Committee Assignments are listed here

Committee Breakout (30 min)

- Committees gather to brainstorm ideas and issues to tackle for the year
  - Here is the list of current project ideas (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LuRVZBqDyVTHLjL9Pvg_bUo57ObIMx
    bOkpA25TEn0Lo/edit)
- Committee Chairs should reach out to former Committee Chairs to get ideas (VP Cha Cha can provide an introduction)
- Feel free to start Slack channels for intra-committee communications
- Executive board members will float around various committees to provide ideas and suggestions
- Begin drafting programming proposals
- Hand in your committee’s proposal for at least 1 event to Cha Cha by Sunday Oct 13th

Adjournment (1 min)

Dinner + Committee Breakout (30 min)

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Columbia Halloween Party discussion tabled for next meeting on Oct 18th

Next Steps from today’s meeting

- All senators who haven’t done Title IX:
  - Final Title IX Training is on Tuesday Oct 8th 12-12:45pm Thorndike 145
- Moira: Let Matt know that he can put Senate’s logo on his Advocacy Academy flyer
- Kamille & Katie: Begin Fall 2019 Interdepartmental Happy Hour programming proposal
- All department senators:
  - Connect with your Department Chair and/or Department’s Director of Academic Administration
  - Find out if your department has a Student Advisory Council
• All specialty senators:
  ○ Connect with respective office Directors / Assistant Directors / Associates regarding your specialty area
• All Committee Chairs: hand in a draft proposal for at least 1 event idea to Cha Cha by Sunday Oct 13th
• Monica: Let Matt Camp know that Honey, Cesar, Jordan, Shavonna & Jonthon are interested in being liaisons to the Office of Government Relations
• Quinta: Buy name tent plastic holders
• Moira: Print name tents for next meeting