

Agenda of Texas Christian University College Panhellenic
April 22nd, 2020

Two-Thirds of a quorum must be present. The regular meeting will be called to order by Kathryn Miro at 5:00 pm in the Chambers. The roll will be called by Secretary Gabi Hendrix.

Recitation of the Panhellenic Creed:

1. Roll Call

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| ΚΑΘ - Υ | ΚΚΓ - Υ | ΦΜ - Υ | ΠΒΦ - Υ | ΣΚ - Υ | ΖΤΑ - Υ | |

2. The following guests will present:

3. Approval of the minutes

4. The Treasurer reports as follows:

a. TCU Panhellenic Association Balance as of **April 22nd, 2020: \$113,578.21**

5. The following bills were approved for payment:

6. Officer Reports

a. **President – Kathryn Miro (tcupanhellpres@gmail.com)**

i. Welcome Sue to our meeting!

ii. Coffee and Convo Friday @10am on Zoom!

1. ID: 961 5199 5788

iii. Free speaking event on Zoom this Thursday @8pm EST!

1. This webinar is for collegiate sorority women adjusting to our new world, and the new sisterhood that exists in that world. I know it can feel like it's over, but it isn't—sorority has endured far worse than this, and we will persist through this. But to do so, we'll need one another. Come spend some time with me and fellow sorority women in pure sisterhood! Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Sisterhood Isn't Over, But it is Different. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar. zoom.us

b. **Vice President of Management – Emma Joy (tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com)**

i. Happy Wednesday! Next week is our last council of the semester! Keep up the great work!

c. **Vice President of Recruitment Operations – Abby Vernacchia (tcupanhellvpro@gmail.com)**

i. I hope everyone had another great week! I look forward to voting on the recruitment bylaw suspension later in this meeting.

d. **Vice President of Finance & Administration – Gabi Hendrix (tcupanhellvpf@gmail.com)**

i. One more week of classes!

ii. You should buy a PR shirt they are super cute (shout out to Madison) & support two great causes!

iii. If you are not getting the agenda or minutes from me each week, please check your junk folder. Since it comes from a non-TCU email it sometimes goes to the junk folder. If it is also not in your junk folder please let me know and I can make sure I have the right email for you.

e. **Vice President of Member Development – Paloma Lowell (tcupanhellvpm@gmail.com)**

i. Hey guys! Keep an eye out for a Google Form coming from me to fill out info for a fun surprise from exec! I'll send it by Friday.

ii. April 29th: National Denim Day! Whooo programming!

iii. Friendly reminder to keep grades up and working hard to achieve academic excellence! Average Chapter GPA will still be an important aspect in calculating 2020 bid day release order.

f. **Vice President of Public Relations – Madison Herzog (tcupanhellvppr@gmail.com)**

i. Hi Ladies! Happy last full week of classes!

ii. Please continue promoting the PR shirt to your chapters! The link to order closes this Friday @ 11:59pm.

iii. Next Wednesday, April 29th, is National Denim Day. This is a day where individuals are asked to wear denim to help raise sexual assault awareness as well as stand in support of victims of sexual assault. As a Panhellenic community we are encouraging everyone to participate by posting and sharing a photo of themselves in denim to show support for all who have been affected by sexual assault.

g. **Vice President of Service and Philanthropy – Hannah Hays (tcupanhellvpp@gmail.com)**

i. Trek Finalists!!

1. THANK YOU!!

2. Some of my emails have gone to people's spam, can y'all reach out to your applicants and ask them to check?:)

- ii. Virtual Service Opportunity of the Week:
 - 1. Transcribing data with the Smithsonian!
 - 2. <https://transcription.si.edu>
 - iii. Circle of Sisterhood meeting Tuesday at 7:00pm CDT
- h. **Vice President of Recruitment Programming – Mackenzie Mountain (tcupanhellvprp@gmail.com)**
 - i. Have a great week!
 - ii. If you need me, feel free to text me.
 - iii. We have a bid day meeting tonight!
- i. **Advisors – Devin Wimberly (d.wimberly@tcu.edu) and Kara Rex (k.rex@tcu.edu)**
 - i. Reach out to us if you want help being connected to resources from TCU to help with finals.

7. Discussion

- a. Chi Omega motions to open the floor for discussion.
- b. Kappa Kappa Gamma seconds.
- c. Kathryn Miro: Awesome. Thank you. So given the trek timelines or the potential back up plans, this is really just an opportunity for us to come together as a community and talk through what were some of the pros that really stuck out to you or some of the cons that really stuck out when you brought it back to your chapters. Were they in favor of one or two over another? The time is yours. Is there a plan that a chapter is really in favor for?
- d. Chi Omega: If we were to change the date to spring break, would that mean we would restart the application process depending on if our applicant that gets chosen can now go on that date?
- e. Hannah Hays: That is something that we are looking into with the current application pool. We will be reaching out to the current finalists and seeing what their availability is like. That is something we would be handling on a case-by-case basis. If the current finalists would be able to go on the trek then we would give the chapters the option to have that woman still be the finalist but if she were not able to go for some reason then we could either pull back one of your other finalists or just allow you to start the process with your chapters again in general.
- f. Devin Wimberly: I think, I would add, this is a little bit of a benefit of the first two of the alternative options opposed to the third one. I think if you were looking at spring break or summer those are a little bit more within our normal timeline. I think we can still continue a lot of the same interests and motivation because it would be occurring roughly in the same semester as our original proposal. If we're talking January 2022, that's a whole different school year and a whole different timeline a year later than what we were anticipating. So, I think it sort of depends on what becomes those next options to how likely it would be to maintain our current finalists or if we would need to go back to ask for different ones.
- g. Alpha Omicron Pi: If it was during the summer, would it be during the beginning, middle, or end of summer? Or is that something we don't know right now?
- h. Devin Wimberly: Sue correct me if I'm wrong, but typically treks would occur in late May or June. Is that correct?
- i. Sue: Hi guys! The larger answer is yes to that. It can be really driven by y'all when it works best. Something to consider and I don't have the dates, forgive me that I did not look that up before, depending on when Ramadan is will influence when you all would be able to go. I know this year Ramadan is starting and it's early. I say early but I'm just not aware of what it is next year. So sometimes that will dictate because they will not do treks and builds during that time. But if you all wanted it to be right after the semester was over so everyone could depart together and travel together and have that piece, that is very likely to be possible. And I am happy to get that information for you all ASAP if that is something that you want to bring to your group to vote. I can ask them what dates are for summer 2021 to Senegal. Does that sound like something you guys would like me to give to Hannah and Devin ASAP?
- j. Devin Wimberly: I'm seeing some head nods. So then yeah, we can try to do that. Thanks Sue!
- k. Sue: Yeah!
- l. Kara Rex: Hannah do you want to share the questions that you got prior to this meeting?
- m. Hannah Hays: I received a few questions, but they were mainly more geared towards the TCU side of things and the decision-making from TCU, so I did not send any of those to Sue. But I did not receive any specific Build On or Circle of Sisterhood questions so if anyone has any.
- n. Devin Wimberly: And if you do have TCU specific questions we can answer those now too. This is your time to get whatever information you need to make your chapter confident in indicating your opinion on what our backup plans should look like.
- o. Phi Mu: We had a little bit of a concern for fundraising. If we were to change it to summer and then people would have to get different flights back home if they were to live other places or anything like that would we have to fundraise more or would it not change?
- p. Devin Wimberly: That's a great question. So when we went to Nicaragua that was the responsibility of the trek participants themselves to come up with their own funding for vaccines and their own funding for transportation back and forth from DFW so we would make sure the women know that before they would be selected for a potential summer timeline. On top of that we did our best to try and find on-campus housing for that one night, that's not a guarantee, but we'll try our best to alleviate any housing expenses by trying to move that on campus if we can for the night they would need to be there before we leave.

- q. Phi Mu: Okay. Thank you!
- r. Devin Wimberly: Good question.
- s. Chi Omega: If I'm correct, we still need our funding in by the regular time no matter what because they need that funding for the school in Senegal?
- t. Devin Wimberly: I believe that if we were to alter our dates our due dates would change because they're due based on certain month timelines before the actual school build would occur. So, it would buy us a little bit more time and of course we can send adjustments to the contracts you all signed.
- u. Alpha Omicron Pi: We wanted to clarify. We're planning on going in January but we're just doing our original plan in this in case something happens and then we can't go? Or are we deciding to completely change our plan right now?
- v. Devin Wimberly: So essentially, we are planning on January 2021 for now, although I will admit it's becoming a little less likely the more time passes because of how uncertain global concerns are when it comes to healthy and safety. We also need to be mindful that there are some countries that if we were to travel in and expose them, this would be devastating to them too. So, I think this is not only for our own safety but perhaps even more so for the people that we are serving. We need to be mindful and really move with cautious optimism. So, January is something that is looking a little less likely the more time that passes so we just want to know your opinion if we are called to make an alternative decision we know where you'd be leaning. Ultimately the University, the government travel regulations, and Build On, Circle of Sisterhood' implementing partner, would be people that would potentially have to make the decision for us. We just want to have your opinions as we advocate for chapters in making timeline decisions if that makes sense.
- w. Chi Omega: If we're talking about opinions, personally my chapter would benefit from January because our applicant interest was more in the rising junior and the rising sophomore class, so they would still be here for that next January and I still think January is a really good time because of the whole flying situation and more people are free during that time during the year so we personally could do the next January because our applicants would still be able to go on that trip.
- x. Pi Beta Phi: We kind of agreed similar to what Chi Omega was thinking just because our applicant pool was definitely more on the rising junior side so they would be able to still go in January and our chapter also felt that spring break was kind of an odd time just cause it's half way through the semester so it's not like you'll go in January and you'll have the whole semester to be really excited about what you just did but at the same time it's not in the summer so you wouldn't, I don't know we just felt like it was kind of an awkward timeline whereas being able to go in between semesters would be more beneficial.
- y. Kathryn Miro: Did other chapters feel the same? I just kind of want to get an idea where individual chapters are leaning. So, we heard two that are for the January 2022. Was that kind of the general consensus? Were there other opinions or thoughts? Was there another chapter that really wanted a different date or was it still for that January?
- z. Delta Delta Delta: We talked about how one of our finalists is going to be in the senior class so if she ended up being the finalist, we didn't want her to not be able to go so we were more interested in the 2021 dates for that reason.
- aa. Delta Gamma: We kind of agree with that because two of our applicants are rising seniors so I know it makes a lot of sense to go in between semesters but at the same time I want them to have a chance to still go so spring break still appeals a little bit. I know it doesn't make a whole lot of sense, but I just really want them to go.
- bb. Kathryn Miro: Thank you for sharing. For those of you who shared, we really appreciate the input and the insights. I hope you guys feel ready to rank order at next council meeting the days and times that you would prefer most for your chapter and your applicant pool. I want to give another last minute. Are there any other comments, concerns, or questions that we can answer before we close out this discussion?
- cc. Gamma Phi Beta: I was just a little confused. I know we talked about this last meeting, but I didn't quite understand what the final answer was. So if we confirm that we're going to go to the site build in Senegal, we're going to give our funding to them but then we would do a different trek but we wouldn't have to pay for that different trek that we do we would just have to pay for like transportation?
- dd. Hannah Hays: Yeah so essentially it would be, I believe, just pretty much the same experience except we would not be providing actually funding for it. Same cost and everything, but the school build that we would have funded we would not be participating in, it would be someone else's fundraising. Sue is that correct?
- ee. Sue: Just so I make sure I understand the question. Is that meaning that if you, because I know it can get confusing, so Hannah check me if this if I go too far down a rabbit hole okay? If I understand the question from Gamma Phi Beta, if you all decided to move ahead and things changed out of our control, is that right?
- ff. Gamma Phi Beta: Yeah.
- gg. Sue: Then what would happen because things might be set in motion already for that school and you all would not want to stop that from happening so the way Hannah described it is right. If you all decide to stay with January 2021 and for some reason, either through TCU or Build On or the government were to say you know what that trek can't happen it's not safe, but the build can happen, then right you would still be funding that village's school and your trek team would be reassigned to a build that does not have a trek team. Build On does a hundred plus school builds a year and not all of them have a trek component so there are occasionally, and potentially more often now, going to be builds that don't have a trek team. They would try and get to have you go to Senegal it just may not be the school you funded but your trek experience would

be the same. You all may decide that that isn't what you want and, like I said, I don't want to get too far down that rabbit hole with you guys because there's lots of different things but hopefully that answers your question.

hh. Gamma Phi Beta: Thank you so much. It definitely does.

ii. Sue: Okay.

jj. Kathryn Miro: Okay. Before we close out, I would love to give Sue just one more opportunity if you have anything else you would like to add to our conversation or any other insights.

kk. Sue: I don't know if I have anything too smart to say other than just a thank you. I just really want to bring gratitude into this conversation from those of us that get to work with Circle of Sisterhood everyday and I am amazed and have always been amazed at TCU's support for our organization. For the work and for the lives that you guys are changing. The legacy gifts that you have given and will give through this next school build wherever and whenever it takes place and sometimes life happens, right, but just know never doubt for a second that you guys aren't changing the world through this work and it's just really awesome to join you and get this chance. I'm thrilled to have just a minute to answer questions. So just thank you and certainly funnel any questions. I already looked up while we were talking but I'll send it with an email to Devin and Hannah on The Ramadan and your school calendar and that kind of thing. Just know that we're here to be a resource and the decision that you make will be the right one for you all and that's all that really matters, just to keep doing good so thanks you guys!

ll. Kathryn Miro: Awesome, thank you for being with us and joining us.

mm. Sue: You bet!

nn. Kathryn Miro: We really appreciate it! It's been fun, thank you.

oo. Sue: Thank you! I'll sign off. Good luck and good luck with your last week.

pp. Kathryn Miro: Thank you!

qq. Hannah Hays: Thank you so much Sue.

rr. Sue: Take care you guys. Bye!

ss. Devin Wimberly: To the point about, if we fund a school build that is different than the location that we attend for a trek, that is certainly not the end of the world. We would be doing a lot of really good work for people's lives no matter what and potentially then having an impact on two communities – the community we get to connect with in person and the community we get to fund. But I will say that after going on two school builds and treks with out campus in the past, I think the single greatest impact factor for our members is being able to connect with the community that they then have seen our campus fundraiser for and then they can bring that back to us. You know seeing pictures of the kids and the people we call our family when we're there, seeing pictures of them posing next to the school when it's completed, I mean there's nothing quite like that. So, I think there's parts of that that are less than ideal but like I said we could potentially be impacting two communities. So just bearing that in mind as you're weighing through these decisions. I know that there could be some inconveniences on people missing their traditional spring breaks but I promise you this is well worth it and so we will get women who this will literally be changing their lives in ways that no other spring break experience could. So try to think about this from the helping piece, from the perspective of the good that we'll be doing in these communities with the work that you all are putting in on the front end to fund a build that will literally put a community on a map where it has never been listed before. So, exciting stuff for you to think through and I thank you for taking these thoughts and conversations so seriously.

tt. Kathryn Miro: So, how do we feel? Any other questions or discussion points?

uu. Gamma Phi Beta: We're switching from Billhighway to OmegaFi and all of our finances for our chapter are going to be going different places now so we wanted to send in all of the funds from what we've fundraised and I was just wondering what the best place to send those to would be? Because I wasn't sure who is at TCU or who has access to that.

vv. Hannah Hays: Devin, correct me if I'm wrong, but they should still send it to the FSL office, correct? Because people are there.

ww. Devin Wimberly: People are there but we don't have a Gabi there so, Gabi, I'm sorry to have this conversation in front of everybody, but would you prefer for them to mail it to FSL and then I can always go in and send you all the checks together. Where would you prefer for them to go?

xx. Gabi Hendrix: I think that's the best way because that's where all of the checks have been sent this semester so I would like them to all be in one place. Just include a note with your check please that says "This is for trek" so it goes to the right place.

yy. Gamma Phi Beta: Okay. Thank you. Who should I address the check to?

zz. Gabi Hendrix: TCU Panhellenic Association. I will also send you the address to send it to.

aaa. Gamma Phi Beta: Thank you.

bbb. Kathryn Miro: Okay. I don't want to cut anyone off, so I promise, last call out. Any other questions? We love it. We love all the questions and discussion points. Okay. Is there a motion to close the floor for discussion?

ccc. Alpha Delta Pi motions to close the floor for discussion.

ddd. Chi Omega seconds.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

9. Reports of Special Committees

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Alpha Chi Omega motions to open the floor for voting.
- b. Alpha Omicron Pi seconds.
- c. Voting: Section 11. A: Bylaw Suspension - Chapter Facility Summer Walk-Throughs

| Article III. Recruitment Rules, Section 11. A: Bylaw Suspension | Vote |
|---|------|
| ΑΧΩ | Y |
| ΑΔΠ | Y |
| ΑΟΠ | Y |
| ΧΩ | Y |
| ΔΔΔ | Y |
| ΔΓ | Y |
| ΓΦΒ | Y |
| ΚΑΘ | Y |
| ΚΚΓ | Y |
| ΦΜ | Y |
| ΠΒΦ | Y |
| ΣΚ | Y |
| ZTA | Y |

- d.
 - i. This bylaw is suspended for 2020 Recruitment.
- e. Alpha Omicron Pi: Voting: Article III Recruitment Rules, Section 6. D: Bylaw Suspension

| Alpha Omicron Pi: Article III Recruitment Rules, Section 6. D: Bylaw Suspension | Vote |
|---|------|
| ΑΧΩ | Y |
| ΑΔΠ | Y |
| ΑΟΠ | Y |
| ΧΩ | Y |
| ΔΔΔ | Y |
| ΔΓ | Y |
| ΓΦΒ | Y |
| ΚΑΘ | Y |
| ΚΚΓ | Y |
| ΦΜ | Y |
| ΠΒΦ | Y |
| ΣΚ | Y |
| ZTA | Y |

- f.
 - i. This exemption has been granted to Alpha Omicron Pi for 2020 Recruitment.
- g. Delta Gamma motions to close the floor.
- h. Pi Beta Phi seconds.
- i. Discussion: Trek Contingency Plan

11. New Business

12. Resources:

- a. <https://www.npcwomen.org/coronavirus-resources/>

13. Announcements

- a. The following chapter announcements were made:
 - i. ΑΧΩ –
 - ii. ΑΔΠ – Happy Wednesday! We spent our Saturday night this weekend with a virtual formal. We enjoyed doing some Just Dance battles and giving our seniors time to talk about their experience!

- iii. ΑΟΠ – Hi everyone! Our president created a cute little buzzfeed quiz to see what LC member you are for a fun sisterhood activity and then later on this week we are going to have a zoom movie night. Good luck to everyone on their final week of classes!
 - iv. ΧΩ – Happy Wednesday!! It was supposed to be our senior week this week so we are doing our best to honor our seniors through Instagram and sweet letters! We had a great time celebrating wish week by walking for wishes and we can't believe this semester is almost over!
 - v. ΔΔΔ –
 - vi. ΔΓ –
 - vii. ΓΦΒ –
 - viii. ΚΑΘ –
 - i. ΚΚΓ – Hi everyone! I hope everyone is doing great, nothing new for us this week. Kappa fun fact: our chapter has members from 33 states! Have a great week :)
 - ii. ΦΜ –
 - iii. ΠΒΦ – Hi ladies, I hope y'all had a great week. This week Pi Phi planned a zoom recruitment workshop for next week, and we wrapped up our lip sync for literacy event which was super fun! I hope y'all have a great rest of your week!
 - iv. ΣΚ – Hi everyone! We had our 2nd recruitment workshop this past week. Other than that, our sisters have been preparing for the end of the year with study hour opportunities and getting ready for finals season! Hope you all have a great week!
 - ix. ΖΤΑ – Happy Wednesday!! We're excited for our first virtual recruitment workshop with all of our members this Sunday, along with pledge class zoom calls to help everyone stay in touch!! Hope everyone has a great rest of the week!
 - b. The following Panhellenic announcements were made:
 - c. The following are important Panhellenic dates:
 - i. 4/29: National Denim Day
 - d. The following are important Panhellenic Philanthropy dates:
 - i. 4/28: Circle of Sisterhood Meeting (7:00 PM CST)
 - e. The following are important MGC, NPHC, IGC, and IFC dates:
14. Panhellenic Exec Office Hours (on Zoom!):
- a. Kat Miro: Monday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - b. Emma Joy: Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 pm
 - c. Abby Vernacchia: Friday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - d. Gabi Hendrix: Monday 9:00 – 11:00 am
 - e. Paloma Lowell: Tuesday 2:30 – 4:30 pm
 - f. Madison Herzog: Wednesday 2:30 – 4:30 pm
 - g. Mackenzie Mountain: Friday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - h. Hannah Hays: Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
15. Adjournment
- a. Chi Omega motions to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Delta Delta Delta seconds the motion.
 - c. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.