



Delegate and Faculty Preparation Guide

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Dear Delegates and Advisors,

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Model United Nations Conference at the University of California, Irvine! My name is Nancie Huang-Ball and I am the Secretary-General for 2024-2025. As we continue to ambitiously expand the scope and size of our conference, this year marks a significant milestone in growing our organization. We thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this process. Our goal is to not only maintain our standards, but to build upon previous years and innovate further. This guide will contain information to answer common questions that may be asked.

At MUN at UCI, we continue to aim to provide delegates the opportunity to challenge themselves and discover the intricacies of international diplomacy and global issues. Our staffers, returning and new, have been training for months to give a holistic and enjoyable experience for all of our delegates.

Our theme this year is “*Maintaining Stability Amidst Global Transformation*,” and will examine the developments that shape our world as the globe navigates periods of uncertainty, tension, and progress. It is our hope that by engaging with these topics, delegates develop a deeper awareness of the intricacies of diplomacy and become empowered in their role to drive positive change.

We recognize that these topics may be emotionally and intellectually challenging for participants. Please know that it is completely okay to take a moment for oneself if necessary. Our ultimate hope is that every delegate leaves our conference with a greater respect for the complexities of global issues, a broader worldview, and a renewed enthusiasm as a global citizen.

While this guide addresses key information and common questions, it may not include every detail of our conference. If you have any questions not answered in this document, please reach out to us via email with the contact information listed below. We look forward to your involvement in what’s sure to be an exciting and insightful weekend. May this conference spark productive discussion, encourage growth, and inspire all involved.

All the best,
Nancie Huang-Ball, Secretary-General
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Schedule & Locations

Saturday, April 12th

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Registration	8:00am–9:00am	Pacific Ballroom Lobby Desk
Opening Ceremony	9:00am–10:00am	Pacific Ballroom D
Committee Session 1	10:00am–12:30pm	DISEC @ Pacific Ballroom A UNDP @ Pacific Ballroom C UNIFEM @ Moss Cove B UNICEF @ Moss Cove A UNHRC @ Emerald Bay B UNSC @ Emerald Bay DE Historical @ Emerald Bay C Olympic Council @ Crescent Bay AB Art Theft @ Crescent Bay CD
Lunch A: Mains Committees	12:30pm–2:20pm	University Town Center *MUN at UCI does not provide lunches.
Lunch B: Specials Committees	12:40pm–2:30pm	
Committee Session 2	End of Lunch–5:30pm	DISEC @ Pacific Ballroom A UNDP @ Pacific Ballroom C UNIFEM @ Moss Cove B UNICEF @ Moss Cove A UNHRC @ Emerald Bay B UNSC @ Emerald Bay DE Historical @ Emerald Bay C Olympic Council @ Crescent Bay AB Art Theft @ Crescent Bay CD
Faculty Information Session	4:00pm–4:45pm	Woods Cove A ¹

¹ Woods Cove A will be an advisor's room for both days of the conference. Light snacks will be provided.

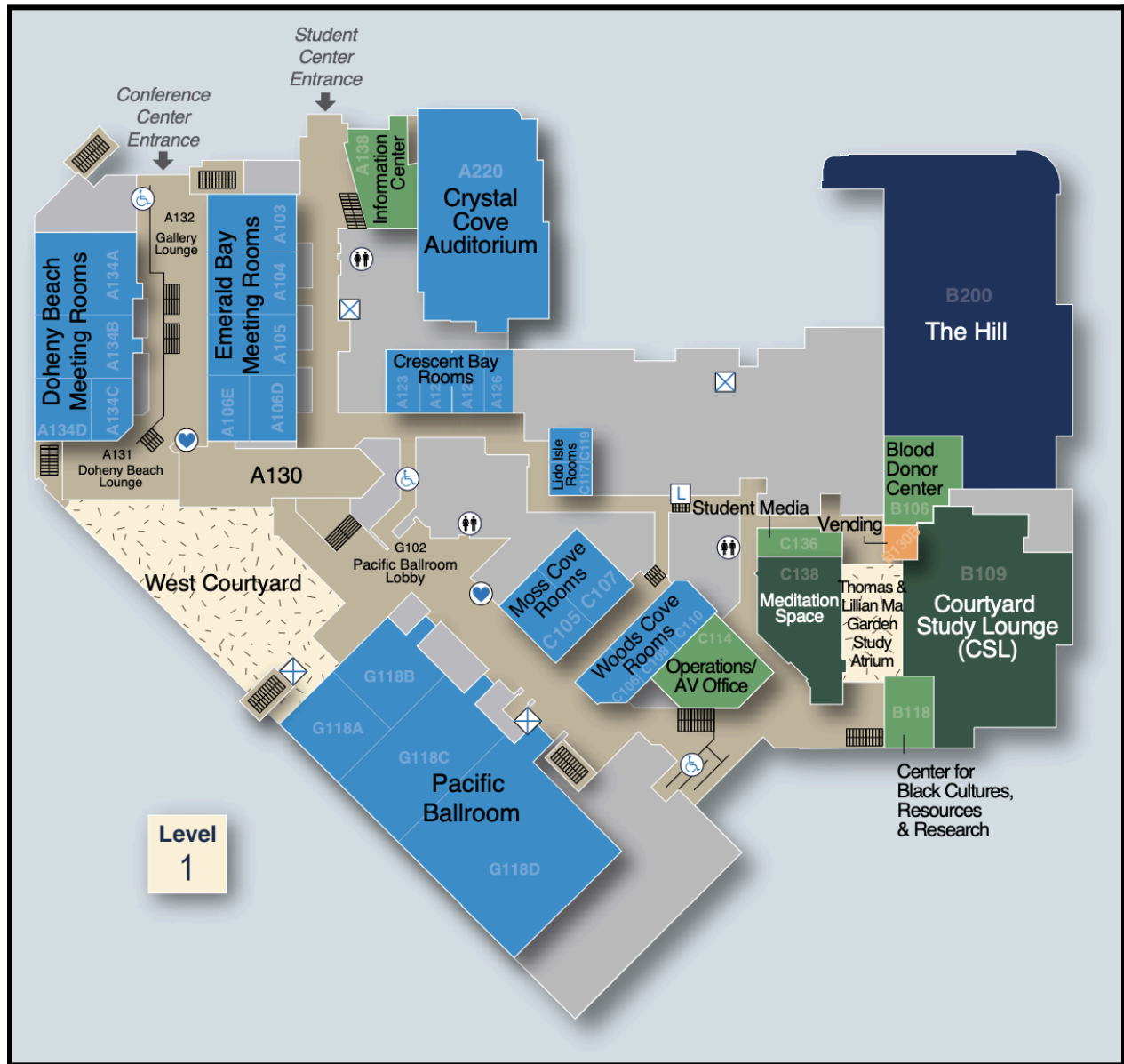
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Sunday, April 13th

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Committee Session 3²	9:00am–11:00am	DISEC @ Pacific Ballroom A UNDP @ Pacific Ballroom C UNIFEM @ Moss Cove B UNICEF @ Moss Cove A UNHRC @ Emerald Bay B UNSC @ Emerald Bay DE Historical @ Emerald Bay C Olympic Council @ Crescent Bay AB Art Theft @ Crescent Bay CD
Lunch A: Specials Committees	11:30am-1:20pm	University Town Center *MUN at UCI does not provide lunches
Lunch B: Mains Committees	11:40am–1:30pm	
Committee Session 4	End of Lunch–4:00pm	DISEC @ Pacific Ballroom A UNDP @ Pacific Ballroom C UNIFEM @ Moss Cove B UNICEF @ Moss Cove A UNHRC @ Emerald Bay B UNSC @ Emerald Bay DE Historical @ Emerald Bay C Olympic Council @ Crescent Bay AB Art Theft @ Crescent Bay CD
Closing Ceremony	4:00pm–5:00pm	Pacific Ballroom D

² Delegates will head directly to their Committee Rooms, no check-in needed. Roll Call will be taken in Committee Session 3.

Conference Map



Student Center Building Directory & Parking Information: <https://uci-mun.com/venue/>

Committees and Topics

<u>Mains Committees</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Staff</u>
DISEC	<p>Topic A: Addressing Illicit Transnational Weapons Trafficking</p> <p>Topic B: Social Media's Role in Fueling Conflict and Its Impact on International Security</p>	<p>Kellie Fernandez Dylan Monahan Demi Preece</p>
UNIFEM	<p>Topic A: Measures for Protecting Maternal Health in Crisis Setting</p> <p>Topic B: Addressing the Burden of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work on Women and Girls</p>	<p>Sydney Nguyen Abby Luong Sanya Gupta</p>
UNHRC	<p>Topic A: Safeguarding Human Rights in Peaceful Protest and Assembly</p> <p>Topic B: Right to Privacy in the Digital Age regarding AI</p>	<p>Estela Lopez Kristine Gonzales Nina Xu</p>
UNICEF	<p>Topic A: Juvenile Injustice</p> <p>Topic B: Social Service Inequalities for Immigrant Children</p>	<p>Vanessa Van Claire Yoo Shreya Verma</p>
UNDP	<p>Topic A: Rebuilding the Agricultural Sector in Post-Conflict Regions</p> <p>Topic B: Constructing Climate-Resistant Infrastructure in Environmentally Volatile Regions</p>	<p>Kareem Shaheen Julia McWilliams Sarah Hussein</p>

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<u>Specials Committees</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Security Council	Topic A: Tackling Territorial Discrepancies in the Arctic Topic B: Ubuntu - A Dystopian Diaspora	Jherico Paulino Joseph Martinez Effatha Sinaga
Historical Crisis: Faith and Empire	Topic A: Religious Turmoil Within the Middle Ages Topic B: The Fall of Constantinople	Nick Young Armon Alemzadeh Aditya Sawant
Olympic Council	Topic A: Diplomacy in Warring Nations Topic B: The Rise of Secularism	Rhea Ramesh Riki Murase Will Somers
Art Theft	Topic A: The Heist Topic B: Art Repatriation and Post-Colonial Legacy	Raymond Park Krishnadev Lakshminarayan

Procedures

Listed below in rough order of appearance is a brief summary of important motions and items in MUN at UCI, as well as some rules and procedures specific to our conference. It is strongly recommended that newcomers to MUN read the entirety of this section carefully; to eliminate confusion in committee, more experienced delegates should still review the specific rules and procedures.

Roll Call

Before the beginning of each committee session, the dais will take roll accounting for all member-states present in committee. When called upon, delegates can respond with either “Present” or “Present and Voting”. By responding with “Present and Voting” the delegate revokes the right to abstain from voting on any resolutions or directives during the voting bloc. Only delegates who reply with “Present” are permitted to abstain on substantive votes.

Opening Debate

Delegates must make and pass a motion to open debate at the onset of committee.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China motions to open debate.”
- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

Setting the Agenda

All committees have two topics, which delegates must establish an order to debate on. All committees have a default agenda of Topic A followed by Topic B as designated in each committee’s topic synopsis. A motion is only required if a delegate wishes to reverse the default topic order and proceed with Topic B followed by Topic A.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China motions to set the agenda to Topic B followed by Topic A.”
- Voting: Motion requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

Speakers’ List

Delegates must establish an order in which speeches will be given by motioning to open the Speakers’ List. If the motion passes, the Speakers’ List shall be compiled at the chair’s discretion, making sure to include all delegates that wish to give a speech. No delegation is allowed to be on the Speakers’ List more than once at a time. If a delegate wishes to be re-added to the Speakers’ List they must wait until after the completion of their previous speech to do so. The Speakers’ List can also be closed during the committee. Exhaustion of the Speakers’ List as per MUN at UCI protocol puts an automatic end to debate leading to an immediate vote on any draft resolutions currently on the floor. A new Speakers’ List will be generated when either the style of debate or topic changes.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China motions to open (or close) the Speakers’

List.”

- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

Changing the Speaking Time/Comments

The default speaking time during substantive debate is 1:30 min for speeches followed by two comments at 30 seconds each. These times can be changed if a motion is made, voted on, and passed at the discretion of the chair.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China wishes to change the speaking time to...”
“The Republic of China wishes to change comments to...”
- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

Unmoderated Caucus

Time allotted for delegates to pause structured debate and informally discuss policy and possibly compile solutions into a working paper. A usual unmoderated caucus lasts 10 or 15 minutes. An extension may be motioned for at the conclusion of the informal caucus. Only one extension will be allowed per unmod and it may not be longer than half the original time.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China motions for a 10-minute unmoderated caucus.”
- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

Moderated Caucus

Speeches given with a more limited time constraint and a more direct purpose, such as discussing solutions or a subtopic(s). Motions for a moderated caucus may be entertained at any point throughout committee at the chair’s discretion. Moderated caucuses can also be used to exhaust the speaker’s list if felt necessary by the dais as a means to speed up committee flow. Moderateds given in this scenario would still be scored as speeches. Extensions can also apply at the chair’s discretion.

- Example: “The People’s Republic of China motions for a ... minute moderated caucus with ... speaking time for the purpose of discussing ...”
- Voting: Simple majority

Working Paper/Draft Resolution/Resolution

A “working paper” refers to an incomplete running draft of solutions in progress of being compiled. Once a working paper is submitted to the dais it is referred to as a “draft resolution”. These “draft resolutions” are then voted on during the voting bloc. Only a draft resolution that passes during the voting bloc becomes a “resolution”.

Formal Caucus

Once draft resolutions have been finalized, each group will be given the chance to present their solutions and answer any questions. Note that only one-third of the total delegations sponsoring a draft resolution can go up to present at a time. It is recommended that sponsors, when presenting, do not simply read off their draft resolution verbatim, but rather summarize and highlight key points and main ideas. If time permits, and a draft resolution has been presented, the sponsors can then yield the rest of their time for questions at the chair's discretion.

- Example: "The People's Republic of China motions for a formal caucus with ... individual speaking time."
- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

Voting Bloc

Delegates will formally vote on draft resolutions (or directives, in crisis committees) at this time. If passed by a simple majority of the committee, the draft resolution becomes a resolution, numbered with respect to other passed resolutions. During the voting bloc, communication is expressly prohibited. Delegates may not speak (including whisper) or pass notes; if they exit the room, they will not be permitted to enter the room. If, during the most recent Roll Call, a delegate did inform the dais they were "Present and Voting", they are prohibited from abstaining on draft resolutions (they are required to vote yes or no).

- Example: "The People's Republic of China motions to move into the voting bloc."
- Voting: In order to move into or out of the voting bloc, a 2/3 majority is required to pass. In order to pass a draft resolution, a simple majority is required to pass.

Suspending/Adjourning Debate

Debate can be suspended at any time during committee; suspensions will be used for lunch on both days, as well as suspending the conference between committee sessions 2 and 3. Furthermore, later on in the day, some directors may allow a brief break to allow delegates to stretch their legs and recover, which would require a suspension of debate (as distinct from an unmoderated caucus). At the end of the last committee session 4, however, delegates will motion to adjourn debate to close the conference until we see all of you again next year.

- Example: "The People's Republic of China motions to suspend debate until 9:00am tomorrow."
- Voting: Motion requires a simple majority to pass.

MUN at UCI Specific Rules

MUN at UCI has a series of rules designed to ensure fairness and quality of debate. Some of these rules may be new to even experienced delegates, so please review this list carefully. The list below is not exhaustive, and directors may clarify or explain rules not listed here.

- ❖ MUN at UCI is a technology-free conference. No technology (phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) is allowed to delegates for the full duration of the committee.
- ❖ With the exception of water, food, and drink are not allowed in committee. Please take advantage of the time given in breaks to finish your lunch completely.
- ❖ Delegates may leave the room without the explicit leave of a director or assistant director, but they should not leave or enter a room during another delegate's speech.
 - Delegates must sign in and out using the sheet provided in each committee when leaving the committee room.
- ❖ A motion is not required to approach the dais; delegates may meet with members of the dais at any time during unmoderated caucus. However, delegates should not pass behind the table of the dais for any reason short of an emergency, as there are conference-sensitive materials for the dais's benefit only.
- ❖ Delegates may not yield their time to other delegates, only the chair.
- ❖ Delegates who motioned for a moderated caucus may not be automatically chosen to be the first or last person to speak within the caucus.
- ❖ Note-passing is allowed only between speeches and comments. Directors will not be selecting pages and will retain the right to revoke note-passing privileges at any time.
- ❖ Roll Call voting is prohibited to maximize the time delegates can spend on the discussion and debate portions of MUN.

Resolution Format

Preambulatory Clauses

Preambulatory clauses are phrases preceding the body of the resolution, designed to highlight the scope of the resolution, as well as indicate past work by the United Nations. They should establish a clear tone for the resolution. Typically a sentence long, preambulatorias begin with one of the following phrases:

Acknowledging	Convinced	Having decided	Recognizing
Affirming	Declaring	Having devoted attention to	Reiterating
Alarmed	Deploring	Having examined	Seeking
Anxious	Desiring	Having heard	Shocked
Appreciating	Determined	Having received	Stressing
Approving	Distressed	Having recognized	Supporting
Aware	Disturbed	Having regard for	Taking into account
Bearing in mind	Emphasizing	Having resolved	Taking into consideration
Being convinced	Encouraging	Having reviewed	Taking note
Believing	Endorsing	Having studied	Underlining
Cognizant	Examining	Hearing	Urging
Concerned	Expecting	Keeping in mind	Welcoming
Condemning	Expressing	Mindful	
Confident	Fulfilling	Noting	
Conscious	Having adopted	Reaffirming	
Considering	Having approved	Realizing	
Contemplating	Having considered	Recalling	

For example, see this preambulatory clause from resolution A/71/L.78 on cholera in Haiti from the 71st session of the General Assembly:

Reiterating its grave concern at the outbreaks of cholera in Haiti, which have affected more than 800,000 people and resulted in over 9,000 deaths.

Operative Clauses

Operative clauses are the actionable portion of your resolutions. Within operating clauses, specific concerns and solutions can be endorsed or instantiated. Each operative clause should be written as a single phrase; when necessary, break lists of items in sub-operative clauses which should each read as a logically consistent sentence from the operative clause it is contained under. End all except the last operative clauses with semicolons (end the last operative clause with a period).

Accepts	Declares accordingly	Further endorses	Recognizes
Adopts	Demands	Further invites	Requests
Affirms	Deplores	Further proclaims	Reiterates
Appeals	Designates	Further reminds	Rejects
Appreciates	Determines	Further recommends	Reminds
Approves	Directs	Further resolves	Renews
Authorizes	Draws attention to	Further requests	Repeats
Calls upon	Emphasizes	Instructs	Requests
Commends	Encourages	Invites	Resolves
Concur	Endorses	Notes	Stresses
Condemns	Expresses its appreciation	Offers	Suggests
Congratulates	Expresses its hope	Proclaims	Supports

“Condemns” and “Demands” are operative clauses reserved for Security Council and Historical Security Council, or any joint sessions that include these committees. For example, see this operative clause from resolution A/RES/73/27 from the 73rd session of the General Assembly:

6. Also decides that the open-ended working group shall hold its organizational session in June 2019 in order to agree on the organizational arrangements connected with the group;