



## THE ODUMUNC DREAM TEAM

With tremendous success resulting from ODUMUNC last year (ignore the snow), our current officer core and staff have been working rigorously to meet the standards set by last year's conference. Although our members require a very well-deserved rest after all of their hard work, the momentum from our team have no time to halt. Immediately following last year's event, preparations for this year's conference started with lessons learned and enthusiasm to improve on perfection. By April, your staff was transformed into a new officer core to fulfill the responsibilities that ahead.

And here we are! This year our illustrious Secretary-General, Chris Steadman, entered into his position with thoughtful innovations, comprehensive plans, and piety. Chris took worked intimately with our previous Secretary-General and current Society President, Sean McGuffin to set his ideas and get a head start on the conference. Chris's duties as Secretary-General include choosing topics, and 'persuading' society members to compose issue briefs, making everything easier for registering schools, and last minute adjustments to country assignments. Chris has put in the long hours to assure the success of ODUMUNC 39.

Chris works closely with our Secretary-Treasurer, Dominique Thaxton, to handle the monumental daily correspondence of registrations, schools and delegates. Contributing to the Secretary-Treasurer office, is Felicia Fisher and Khari Murphy. They make sure the money moves correctly. When they talk, we listen.

In addition to our Secretary-Treasurer office, Chris had the support of a team of four experienced and experts Under-Secretaries General (USGs). They have sworn their lives to support Chris's tyrannical regime.

Ismael Fatah is the master of all things crisis, as USG of Crisis. If it goes wrong, blame him. Serving as our USG Chief of Staff is Jesse Leake Jr., who toils diligently to recruit and train our staff members. If someone looks well-rested, blame him.

Our USG of Small Committees is Nicholas Shinn, who split work with the USG of Large Committees to ensure all of our smaller rooms run smoothly. And serving as USG of Large Committees is Tiana Bailey. She will be working behind the scenes on the small details of making ODUMUNC 39 shine! If you can't think of anything else to do, thank them.

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conference!

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# MEET FORMER DELEGATES!

## Your Secretary General: Christopher Steadman

My first conference was four years ago at ODUMUNC 35. Since then I've had the opportunity to travel all over the country to compete in Model UN Conferences, and I've never looked back. At my first conference I was representing Slovakia in a NATO simulation, and while I may not have had the flashiest of countries to represent. I loved every minute of the conference from the people, the awful puns, and the outfits. I loved MUN! Now, four years later, I've found my way into participating in over 15 conferences, and now I have the distinct pleasure of serving as Secretary General for this year's ODUMUNC 39. If you see me around the conference this year feel free to stop me and chat about Model UN, I'm always happy to meet new Model UN people.

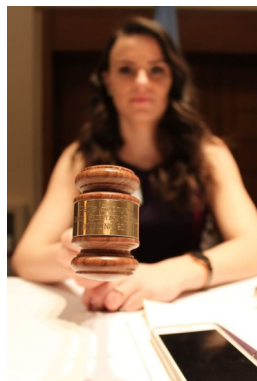
Stay Spatial,  
Chris Steadman



ODUMUNC 39 will be my 5th ODUMUNC, and I am honored once again, to chair the very committee where I started my MUN experience. SPECPOL, 4th Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, has been close to my heart for all of these years.

We get some of the world's toughest problems. The UN got them because they have no easy solutions. National interests and negotiation will happen. Godo luck. You are going to enjoy SPECPOL just as much as I am looking forward to chairing. Feel free to pull me aside if you have any questions or need any advice.

**Your Chair for  
SPECPOL: Petra  
Szonyegi**



As Tallwood High School's former Secretary General at ODUMUNC for two consecutive years, I believe it is safe to say that I held ODUMUNC close to my heart before even going to ODU. As a four year attendant of ODUMUNC, whether as a delegate or staff member, I am still exhilarated to participate in this years conference. I would be delighted to answer any questions you may have during the conference so please do not hesitate to approach me. And remember, you do not have to be a big country to make a difference in committee, take it from someone who was Mozambique while discussing cyber security.

Best regards!

**Your USG of Large  
Committees: Tiana Bailey**

## CRISIS: Scramble For Africa

With an ever expanding empire, Great Britain is presented with new opportunities and dangers. Nowhere is this more evident than in Africa. For years its' climate, diseases, and people have stopped the great powers of Europe from penetrating into the continent. The advent of modern technology has made it possible for Europeans to venture ever deeper into this untouched land. With this Britain has the privilege to bring advanced civilization to those who so long have been without it, and to increase the power and prestige of the empire on which the sun never sets. For this reason the Prime Minister has decided to convene a special council on how Britain should proceed through the many dangers that lie ahead.

In this committee delegates will begin in 1880 and will represent a mixture of government officials and important figures from throughout the empire. Delegates will deal with a myriad issues including competing with foreign powers, interactions with natives, humanitarian crises, and increasing the glory of the empire. The actions and directions the committee will take will be largely up to the delegates participating. Delegates may choose where and what they want to focus their attention on. This committee will not be a recreation of historical events. While they are great resources for research, and their study is encouraged, the map of Africa will look differently after this committee is done with it. With a little help, your chair, Conner Clarke, will see to it!

## CRISIS: Iranian Cabinet

Crisis chair Joseph Espinoza says the year 1394 (Gregorian calendar 2016) will bring unprecedented challenges for the Islamic Republic, its people and the revolution. Obstacles facing Iran are greater in number and scale than we have seen since the years of the 1978-79 revolution and the 1980-88 Persian Gulf War with Iraq. With the survival of the revolution, the welfare and honor of the 78 million Iran people in doubt, Iran faces unprecedented domestic debate and uncertainty, which our enemies welcome and can be expected to exploit.

Western enemies and the Zionist Entity threaten Iran with preemptive nuclear or convention attack. Jealous of our civilian nuclear energy program and our burgeoning international influence, they have assassinated our scientists, initiated cyber war. Launched bombing campaigns and drone attacks against our allies in the Middle East. They have labeled our Islamic Republic a terrorist regime, imposed crippling and illegal sanctions against our people, undermined our sovereign freedom to trade and export petroleum.

In this dangerous environment, the Cabinet of Hassan Rouhani convenes for emergency meetings. The people of the Islamic Republic of Iran look to us for guidance. God willing, Iran and its revolution will emerge from these trying times to humiliate the enemies of the Islamic Revolution.

This simulation of President Hassan Rouhani's cabinet begins in the year 1394 (2016). Delegates portray Iranian religious leaders, government ministers, military and intelligence officials. This Cabinet simulation stresses accurate role playing to create an authentic environment as Iranian navigates challenges and opportunities.

# WHAT IS YOUR CRISIS?

## *ODU'S AD HOC*

## *CRISIS*

We are proud to present this year ODUMUNC's first ad hoc committee. Ad Hoc committees in Model UN are designed to stress extemporaneous action and character portrayal because the topic of the committee and the characters for each delegate will not be released until the beginning of the first session.

In the week leading up to ODUMUNC a series of hints will be sent to participating delegates/sponsors to give each of you a taste of what the topic will be for ODUMUNC. This committee's improvisational and unusual structure makes it best suited for experienced crisis delegates. Experience is by no means required, but it is highly recommended. For this com-

mittee prepare for anything and expect anything in return.

Delegates well-prepared for this body will have a general understanding of the state of the world in the early Cold War years, maybe even the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) in the Post-WWII era. Research on the National Security Act of 1947 will be beneficial, as will familiarity with USAAF command structure. But don't think everything will come out of a typical history text.

Being an Ad-Hoc crisis, there is an element of in-committee preparation, as assignment dossiers will be distributed at the opening of the first session with a period for delegates to review their position. Be ready, but stay on your toes!

With Kimberly Ganczak chairing and Brenden Cooley managing, you're guaranteed a wild ride.



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