

Introduction

Dear Delegates,

Greetings! It is my privilege to welcome you to the Seventeenth Dayton Model United Nations Conference (DAYMUNC XVII) and the Simulated Security Council. My name is Alex Elkins and I am very excited to be serving as your Director for this year's proceedings. This year will be my fifth year participating in the DAYMUNC conference. Previously, I have attended and served the DAYMUNC conference as a delegate (DAYMUNC XIII), Chair (XIV), Secretary General (XV), and head delegate (HD) (XVI). I have attended the National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference in New York City four times, serving on the General Assembly Third Committee, Security Council, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and observing as an HD. I also had the privilege of attending the first ever NMUN Conference in Xi'an, China last year. Throughout my Model United Nations (MUN) experience, I have had the opportunity to study and write on the policies of a variety of Member States including India, Japan, Canada, Egypt, and Russia. I am a 2007 graduate of Wright State University where I studied Political Science and International Studies. I am now pursuing MAs in both International/Comparative Politics and Public Administration at Wright State. My thesis work is focused on the political, economic, and civil policies of growth and development in the City of Shanghai, China.

As the Director for Simulated Security Council, I will be responsible for bringing you updates on the situation that you are faced with, making substantive edits to any resolutions or statements that are submitted, and assessing the overall performance of all delegates. I will do my best to accommodate any requests the committee makes in terms of representatives, experts, witnesses, or other speakers. Finally, I am determined to make the simulation as realistic and interactive as possible for delegates. Therefore, wherever possible, I will make alterations to the simulation to reflect any work the body passes and any resulting action from actors within the simulation.

Jonathan Dunkin will be serving as the Chair for our proceedings. As Chair, Jon will be responsible for making sure the procedural aspects of committee run smoothly. This means that all motions, requests, and points will be addressed to him. In addition, he will assist me with the formatting and other non-substantive aspects of the editing process. Jon received his BA in 2006 from Cedarville University, where he majored in International Studies, with a focus on social science, and minored in Biblical Studies. Jon has participated in MUN since high school, where he represented Canada and the United States on the Security Council. He has participated in DAYMUNC as a delegate five times, serving on the World Health Organization, General Assembly Plenary twice, and the Simulated Security Council twice. Furthermore, he served as the chair for the Simulated Security Council at DAYMUNC XV. In addition to his high school MUN experience, Jonathan has represented a number of Member States at DAYMUNC including China, Russia, the United Kingdom, and France. Currently, Jon is employed as a commercial real estate appraiser in Columbus, Ohio, and continues his education at The Appraisal Institute.

Cameron Goubeaux will be serving as the Rapporteur for our proceedings. As Rapporteur, Cameron will be responsible for assisting the Director and the Chair with administrative duties including keeping the speaker's list current, keeping time with regard to speeches during formal session, calling roll, and tallying votes. Cameron is a senior at Wright State University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Political Science. He has attended the NMUN Conference in New York City twice, serving as Canada on the General Assembly 1st Committee and the Russia Federation on the Commission on Sustainable Development. This will be his third time participating in DAYMUNC, having previously served as a delegate on the Security Council (DAYMUNC XV) and Simulated Security Council (XVI). Cameron also recently attended the NMUN Conference in Quito, Ecuador. Following graduation, Cameron plans to pursue a Master's degree or PhD in Social Psychology with an emphasis in Political Psychology.

Having worked with both of these gentlemen on several occasions, I can assure you that both have a wealth of knowledge and experience when it comes to DAYMUNC and MUN. I have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for the countless hours both have committed to the MUN activity, the DAYMUNC conference, and their educational goals. I am supremely confident that they will serve this committee and the DAYMUNC conference with excellence and professionalism. For these reasons, I will accept nothing less than your utmost respect for both of them throughout this conference. Any disrespect shown toward either of these gentlemen will absolutely not be tolerated by me or the DAYMUNC conference administration. I ask for your cooperation in this matter to ensure this committee runs smoothly and is enjoyed by everyone.

The Simulated Security Council

As some of you may already know, the Simulated Security Council differs from the other committees at DAYMUNC in that the committee topic will be announced the day of the conference. You will be given a reality-based scenario that requires the immediate attention of the Security Council. Throughout the conference, updates to the scenario will be given and you, as Member States of the Security Council, will be asked to respond to the changing situation as you believe your State would. The scenario will be fluid and delegates should be prepared to respond to changes throughout the conference.

The Simulated Security Council can provide one of the most exciting, engaging, and challenging experiences at the DAYMUNC conference. To ensure this year's simulation meets these criteria, all delegates are expected to come prepared to discuss the issues presented by the prompt below and advocate for their State's policies and interests while demonstrating knowledge of the powers of the Security Council and Rules of Procedure. As this is a learning conference, we will be as accommodating as possible in explaining motions and rules to help delegates learn and strengthen their skills. However, please be aware that incorrect motions or motions not recognized by the official DAYMUNC rules (found at http://daymunc.org/documents/rules_090705.pdf) will not be accepted by the Chair. It may also be helpful for you to look over or have on hand the DAYMUNC rules short form, found at http://daymunc.org/documents/shortform_090705.pdf.

Simulated Security Council: Make-up, Rules, and Topic

As with the regular Security Council, the Simulated Security Council consists of five Permanent Members (P) and ten rotating Members elected to two year terms by the General Assembly. For our purposes, the Members will be comprised of the membership of the actual Security Council as of January 1, 2009. Therefore, the make-up of the Simulated Security Council for this simulation shall be:

Austria, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Croatia, France (P), Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, The People's Republic of China (P), The Russian Federation (P), Turkey, Uganda, the United Kingdom (P), the United States (P), and Vietnam.

With regard to committee procedure and voting, all procedural votes in the committee will require a simple majority (50% + 1) affirmative vote to pass. All substantive votes in the committee must garner a simple majority (50% + 1) affirmative vote and must have the affirmative or abstention vote of all five Permanent Members in order to pass. If any of the five Permanent Members of the Security Council cast a "no" vote on a substantive motion, the motion will fail.

The following prompt is designed to assist you in your research and preparations for the conference:

"For the Simulated Security Council, delegates should be knowledgeable of and prepared to address issues of international terrorism and hostage taking, maintenance of international peace and security, sovereignty, separatist movements, weapons of mass destruction, and natural resources. In addition, delegates should familiarize themselves with current groups and issues associated with political struggles for national self-determination in the South Caucasus and Middle Eastern regions."

Position Papers

Position Papers for the Simulated Security Council differ from other Position Papers at the DAYMUNC Conference. Rather than researching their State's policy based on information presented in the Background Guide, delegates on the Simulated Security Council will draft their Position Papers based on the prompt given above. Additionally, delegates should attempt to anticipate other issues that may come up during the course of debate and address them. All Position Papers are anonymously evaluated by an independent panel of faculty advisors and professionals. Delegates' Position Papers will not be evaluated on their ability to predict the simulation, but instead, on their ability to present accurate, detailed, and concise policies of their States based on the above prompt. Examples of Simulated Security Council papers can be found at http://daymunc.org/documents/simsec_papers.pdf.

Awards: Explanation and Criteria

The purpose of the DAYMUNC conference is to provide an educational opportunity to delegates by simulating United Nations bodies and facilitating the development of skills including diplomacy, negotiation, public speaking, technical research and writing, and facilitation of committee work. One of the goals of the DAYMUNC staff will be to facilitate and recognize maximum delegate achievement in these areas. To accomplish this goal, awards will be given at the end of the conference to recognize delegates who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the above mentioned areas. A full description of the DAYMUNC Award Guidelines and Criteria is available at <http://daymunc.org/awards.shtml>.

For your benefit, below I have articulated the particular areas the staff of the Simulated Security Council will be looking for when evaluating delegates.

1. **Staying “in character” and accurately representing State’s policies:** Delegates should prepare by conducting careful research into their State’s policies. In addition, delegates should endeavor to remain “in character” when in formal and informal session (except during breaks for lunch and dinner). Delegates will be evaluated in this category NOT based on how accurately they mimic the behaviors of their State’s delegation at the real UN, but on how well they are able to articulate, represent, and advocate for the actual policies of their State. Engaging in purposeful disruptions and theatrical antics in the name of “staying in character” will not be looked upon positively by the conference and will not assist the delegate in qualifying for an award.
2. **Accurate knowledge and utilization of the Rules of Procedure:** Delegates should prepare by familiarizing themselves with the DAYMUNC Rules of Procedure. A delegate’s active, accurate, timely, meaningful usage of and adherence to the rules of procedure in furthering their State’s goals will be looked upon positively in the evaluation of this category. Making repeated unnecessary, incorrect, dilatory, or out of order motions will not be looked upon positively for awards consideration.
3. **Furthering and adding to the work of the body:** Delegates can demonstrate achievement in this category by making contributions to committee via participation in informal caucusing, making substantive speeches during formal session, and making significant contributions to the writing process. By contributing new ideas, guiding and shaping the debate, and taking an active role in the development of working papers, delegates will not only improve their skills, but will also have a much better chance of being considered for an award. Delegates who impede the work of the body by repeatedly making dilatory or out of order motions, making regular shifts in policy, not participating in informal sessions, not using the speaker’s list to advocate their State’s policy, not making the dais’ changes to working papers, or stifling debate will not be looked upon positively for awards consideration. Once again, this simulation is designed to encourage you to research your State’s policies and advocate for them. It is not designed to see how well you can mimic the sometimes “over the top” behaviors of actual delegates or representatives of your State.
4. **Maintaining Professionalism:** Delegates are expected to maintain professionalism in both action and attire. The dress code for DAYMUNC will be Business Professional. All delegates are expected to meet minimum standards for the dress code. Delegates are expected to maintain professionalism in their actions as well. Delegates should address and treat their dais and fellow delegates with respect at all times. Delegates should also maintain decorum during formal session. Shouting out, regularly impugning other delegates, talking during another delegate’s speech, gossiping about delegates or the dais inside or outside of committee, and other disrespectful or disruptive behavior will not be looked upon positively for awards consideration.