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DELEGATE GUIDE

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Delegates,

We are honored to invite you to the Sixth Annual Session of the Brown University Crisis Simulation (BUCS), which will be hosted here, on the Brown University campus, from March 3 - 5, 2017.

We at BUCS approach Model United Nations with the philosophy that rigorous and novel debate, not verbose grandstanding, is the key to intellectual growth. We do not deny the importance of formality and the occasional exposition; we simply place greater weight on discourse for the sake of intellectual improvement. BUCS is an all-crisis conference because we believe that crisis committee's tempo and capriciousness compels delegates to adapt and push their intellectual boundaries.

BUCS committees are selected to provide a breadth of historical and geographic contexts. We hope that every delegate can find a topic that stimulates their intellectual curiosity and make conference preparation intrinsically interesting. Our committees simulate nations on the cusp of change, ranging from 11th-century England to the 1996 U.S. presidential and congressional elections.

BUCS is a young conference, but we feel that our relative youth awards us the flexibility and room for input that has allowed us to advance every year. This spring our conference will span three days, which we believe will intensify debate and enhance the productivity of committee session.

On behalf of the Secretariat and the entire BUCS staff, we hope that you will be able to join us next March. We update the website regularly, but please do not hesitate to contact our Director of External Affairs info@browncrisis.org if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to BUCS 2017!

Sincerely,

Belinda Zhou & Barry Thrasher

Secretaries-General

BUCS VI

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

04:30 PM - 05:30 PM Registration & Check-In (Petteruti Lounge)*
04:30 PM - 05:30 PM Delegate Reception (Petteruti Lounge)*
06:00 PM - 06:45 PM Opening Ceremonies (85 Waterman, Room 130)
07:00 PM - 10:00 PM Committee Session I
10:30 PM - 12:30 AM Pub Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

09:30 AM - 12:30 PM Committee Session II
12:30 PM - 01:30 PM Lunch Break
01:30 PM - 04:30 PM Committee Session III
04:40 PM - 06:00 PM Dinner Break
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM Committee Session IV
10:00 PM - 02:00 AM Club Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Committee Session V
12:15 PM - 01:00 PM Closing Ceremonies (85 Waterman, Room 130)

* Petteruti Lounge is located on the second floor of the Stephen Roberts '62 Campus Center. This building is also known as "Faunce."

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Note: All rooms are in the J. Walter Wilson building, located at 69 Brown Street

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CRISIS DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLAND 1066

In January of 1066, King Edward the Confessor, the last king of the House of Essex, died without an heir to the English throne. Such a phenomenon led to a power vacuum and placed the monarchy into a volatile position. Many leaders from different parts of Europe, particularly the Anglo-Saxons and the Norwegians, scrambled for a place on the throne, which led to heightened tensions among the claimants and even among Anglo-saxons themselves. Furthermore, the various Earls of England were divided along familial lines, and the crisis heightened these existing conflicts. Who will ultimately take the English throne? How will the contenders reconcile their respective interests to the throne? The English monarchy is at the brink of collapse, and it is up to you to maintain it.

KOREA 1945

This committee will explore from a Korean perspective the forces resulting in the unintentionally long-lasting division of Korea. The time between World War II and the Korean War was a dynamic and uncertain one, with personalities and movements migrating and flowing in no certain direction. This crisis will be divided into two committees, one with individuals initially residing in the North of the country, and one in the South, simultaneously wrestling for control, battling external influence, reforming a colonized region, and attempting to unify a people.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

Two years after Bill Clinton's resounding electoral victory, the 1994 midterm elections ushered in a wave of Republicans to the House and the Senate, giving Republicans a majority in both houses. This "Republican Revolution" presented significant challenges for the Clinton Administration in terms of passing policy, and pitted the White House against Congressional leadership in several significant policy battles. Beyond policy, congressional Republicans also sought to take President Clinton to task for many of his personal actions. This committee will explore the competition and compromise of two groups of people who were both trying to do what they thought was in the best interests of the American people.

THE GENERALITAT OF CATALONIA

Between 1936 and 1938, Catalonia was embroiled not only in the Spanish Civil War, but in Social Revolution. Radical anarcho-syndicalists, who for decades had been a powerful force on the streets of Barcelona, abandoned their opposition to governmental participation and joined the government within Catalonia's regional parliament, the Generalitat, which had previously been controlled by the Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC), a Left-Republican and pro-autonomy faction loyal to the Popular Front government in Madrid. Meanwhile, Catalanian workers and farmers rose up, seized many of the means of production, burned down their churches, and began operating many important economic sectors of Catalonia as collective enterprises. This new Generalitat, divided between itself and unlike any other legislative chamber known to history, found itself faced with many perhaps impossible tasks. Defending Catalonia's increasingly precarious position from Franco's armies. Maintaining Catalanian autonomy while co-ordinating both militarily and politically with the government in Madrid. Maintaining domestic order in the face of factional tensions. Attracting international support. And ensuring the welfare of the Catalanian people and the Catalanian economy during these unknown times. Delegates will become the Generalitat, or other factions' special representatives thereto, in a tale dotted with peasant militants, internecine political operatives, patriotic Catalanians, poets, artists, philosophers, radical feminists, and romantic volunteers from across the globe.

CONFERENCE POLICIES

POSITION PAPERS

All delegates will be expected to submit a position paper, and they are required to be considered for an award. Each crisis has its own position paper guidelines outlined in its respective background guide. Generally, the papers should reflect the priorities, concerns, and strategies that your assigned characters would advocate in committee, drawing from information provided to you in the background guide as well as outside sources. You are expected to email them to your crisis directors by February 28th unless otherwise noted in the background guide. You should expect to receive feedback on the paper at least 2 days before the start of the conference.

BADGES AND PLACARDS

Delegates must wear their BUCS name badge at all times while attending BUCS. Your badge serves as admission to all conference functions, including social events. For badge or placard replacements and revisions, please notify your committee chair or contact help@browncrisis.org.

INTERNET

Wireless Internet access is available in all conference areas on campus for BUCS-related research. While on the Brown campus, Internet is available through the Brown-Guest network or EduRoam, for participating universities.

COMPUTERS

We ask that delegates refrain from using laptops during committee sessions unless otherwise instructed by their Crisis Directors.

DRESS CODE

Western business attire is required for all committee sessions. Costumes must be related to delegate positions and are allowable at the discretion of Crisis Directors.

AWARDS

Two delegate awards (Best Delegate and Outstanding Delegate) per committee will be given out at the discretion of the Crisis Directors. Awards are based on delegates' performance in committee throughout the conference.

SOCIAL EVENTS

DELEGATE RECEPTION

Friday, March 3rd, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Roberts '62 Campus Center, 75 Waterman St

Relax and get to know your fellow delegates at the delegate reception following registration. We will be serving champagne and sparkling apple cider, along with pizza to get you geared up for your first committee session.

PUB & TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, March 3rd, 10:30pm -- 12:30am

Blake's Tavern, 122 Washington Ave

Come for food and trivia after a long day in committee at Blake's Tavern for BUCS' Pub Night! We'll be providing pasta as well as an assortment of bar food – chicken wings, fries, and spinach dip – and hosting an exclusive BUCS trivia night.

CLUB NIGHT

Saturday, March 4th, 10:00pm – 2:00am

Colosseum, 180 Pine St

Dance the night away with that special someone you met in committee at the BUCS Club Night! Come to Colosseum – one of Providence's hottest clubs – Saturday night to hear DJs spinning a progressive mix of top 40, house, hip-hop, and everything in between.

THINGS TO DO IN PROVIDENCE

PROVIDENCE PLACE MALL

Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am to 9pm; Sun, 12pm to 6pm

A popular destination for Brown University students, the Providence Place Mall is the largest mall in Rhode Island and has 160 stores on three levels. In addition, the mall is home to an IMAX theater (show your student ID for a discount) and a variety of restaurants.

KENNEDY PLAZA ICE RINK

Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am to 10pm; Sat and Sun, 11am to 10pm

The Kennedy Plaza Ice Rink offers the perfect outlet to release all the pent up energy you get from sitting in committee and is located at the heart of downtown Providence. Skates are available for rental.

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE

This neoclassical building is Rhode Island's capitol and was built between 1895 and 1904. It houses the Rhode Island General Assembly as well as the offices of the Governor and other state officials. The dome is the fourth largest self-supporting marble dome in the world. Tours are offered daily and can be scheduled by calling (401) 222-2357.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN MUSEUM

Hours: Tues-Sun 10am to 5pm

As the state's leading museum of fine art, the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) museum contains an amazing collection of over 84,000 works. Founded in 1877, the museum is composed of five buildings between Main and Benefit Streets, just down the hill from Brown's campus. College students with ID receive a discount.

RESTAURANT GUIDE

Here are some places Brown students love to visit for their great food, reasonable prices, and close proximity to campus. Most of these restaurants are located on Thayer Street, which runs through Brown's campus.

NICE SLICE: 267 THAYER ST.

Offers thin crust pizza and is open every day from 11am to 2am. Antonio's biggest rival.

ANTONIO'S: 256 THAYER ST.

Offers a wide variety of pizza and is open every day from 11am to 2am. Nice Slice's biggest rival.

FLATBREAD COMPANY: 161 CUSHING STREET

Offers wood-fired pizzas with organic ingredients and free-range meats, made in traditional clay ovens. Has a bar and much more seating than Nice Slice and Antonio's. Open 11:30am to 10pm daily.

KABOB AND CURRY: 261 THAYER ST.

College Hill's most popular Indian restaurant features cuisine for both vegetarians and meat-lovers alike. Open from 11am until 11pm, with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet from 11:30am to 3:00pm on Sundays.

FROYO WORLD: 219 THAYER ST.

Self-serve frozen yogurt with a wide variety of toppings, including fresh cut fruit. Open Monday-Wednesday, and Sunday, 12pm to 11pm and Thursday-Saturday, 12pm to 12am.

MEETING STREET CAFÉ: 220 MEETING ST.

Just off Thayer Street, this café is beloved for its amazing (gigantic) cookies, as well as other offerings. Open every day 8am to 11pm.

EAST SIDE POCKETS: 278 THAYER ST.

A delicious survey of Middle-Eastern food, East Side Pockets is a family-owned and operated restaurant. Open Monday-Thursday from 10am to 1am, Friday-Saturday 10am to 2am, Sunday 10am to 10pm.

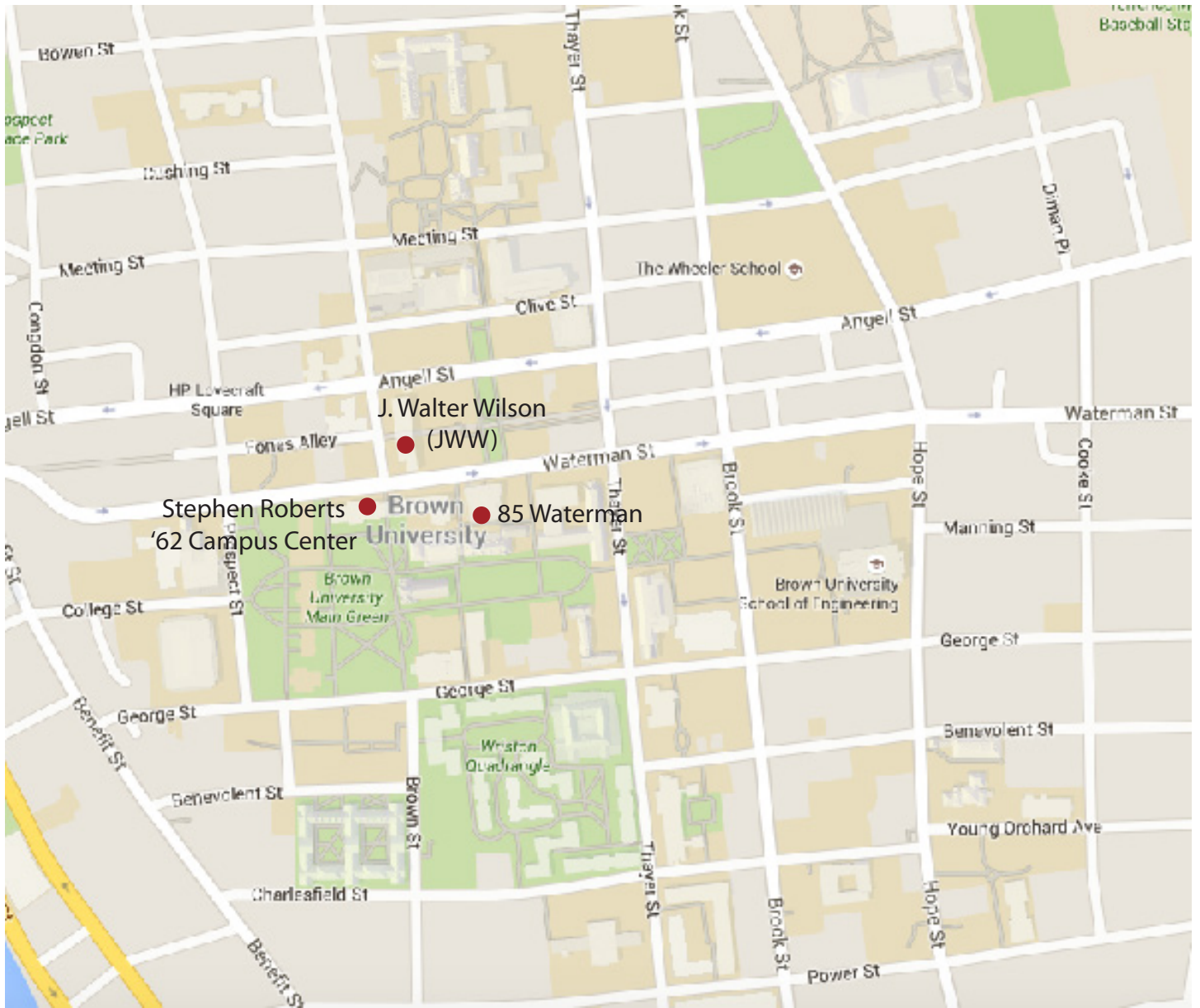
HARRY'S BAR AND BURGER: 121 N. MAIN ST.

Enjoy delicious burgers, craft beers, and shuffleboard, all just a short walk down College Hill! Open Sunday-Thursday, 11:30 am-1am, Friday-Saturday from 11:30am-2am.

GEOFF'S SUPERLATIVE SANDWICHES: 163 BENEFIT STREET

Though a bit of a walk from Thayer, this sandwich shop has remained a Brown favorite for decades due to its unparalleled variety. Open 10am to 10pm daily.

CAMPUS MAP



SOCIAL EVENTS MAP

