

*United States Space Force*

*MetMUNC XLIX*

**Topic:** Welcome Letter & Committee Procedure

**Chairpeople:** Dara Neumann and Kenny Fischer



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Dear Distinguished Delegates,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the United States Space Force! Our names are Dara Neumann and Kenny Fischer, and we will be your chairs for MetMUNC XLIX. Established as its own independent military branch on December 20th, 2019 with the National Defense Authorization Act, the United States Space Force has been dedicated to the protection of the interests of the United States in space, as well as the defense of our nation in space. With the constant development of new space technologies, both commercial and militaristic, there has been a heightened importance on maintaining safety in space.

My name is Dara Neumann and I'm currently a Junior at POBJFK. This is my third year in Model UN, and I am also a chief chair. Aside from Model UN, I run cross country and track, am the Head of Mechanical/CAD for my robotics team (FRC Team 353), compete on varsity Quiz Bowl and National Science Bowl, and my best friend and I are the co-Presidents of the Board Game Club. I also volunteer at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. I spend an ungodly amount of time working on my research, in which I am analyzing fMRI images to optimize psychopharmacological treatment for Bipolar Disorder. My secret talent is playing CS:GO (relatively decently) on a trackpad, and I have a German Shepherd named Halley who I love very much. I will be majoring in Neuroscience in college and will likely end up pursuing a career in neurosurgery. I'm looking forward to chairing this committee and seeing what you guys come up with.

My name is Kenny Fischer, and I'm a Senior at POBJFK. I have been in Model UN every year of High School, and have attended a wide range of conferences in my four years in the club. I also help teach many of the younger delegates in our club as a Delegate Trainer, besides having my position as a Chair. I am a competitive swimmer (no, I'm nowhere near Michael Phelps), and have been on the varsity team throughout high school, being a captain this past season, as well being on a club team during the rest of the year. I am interested in business, having taken numerous business courses offered at our school including a dual enrollment College Accounting course, and am also the CFO of the virtual business in our Virtual Enterprise class. I plan to be majoring in business in college and am not set on a specific major yet. By the time of our conference, I will have received all college admissions responses, and will have made a decision, which is very exciting! Good luck through the application process for all current seniors and rising seniors next year! I'm excited for our conference, and cannot wait for a fantastic time with you all in the U.S. Space Force!

We encourage all delegates in the committee to be faithful to their persons' views on the topics and crisis at hand, and hope everyone tries to get involved! We also ask for delegates to remain respectful to other delegates and their opinions. You are representing people, not your own views, and that goes for the others present with you in committee. Most importantly, have fun! Don't be afraid to shoot one of us an email if you have any questions about the committee and its procedures which are present on the pages below this one. We can't wait to see each of you and hear your ideas!

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### **Committee Procedures:**

Welcome delegates to the United States Space Force. Due to the nature of this committee, being both a constant crisis committee, and a branch of the United States military--rather than a United Nations committee--there are a number of procedural changes that have been made to this committee to facilitate the flow of it's debate, and allow for the committee to work.

Before we detail those changes, and the specifics of the committee, it should be known that there is not one single ending planned for this committee. The actions you take, and decisions you make as a committee, **WILL** have an impact on the crisis updates you receive, and the eventual outcome of the committee, making each decision extremely important.

For each crisis update, you will be given certain choices for how you can proceed with the information obtained. As a committee, you will discuss these options, and as a member of the Space Force, you will provide the opinion of the person you are representing. Some decisions will be easily agreed upon, while others will be very controversial.

In making decisions, at least one moderated caucus will be required before deciding on what action to take. As the US Space Force, you will justify these decisions through written reports to your superiors at the Department of Defense. These reports (formatted identically to normal MUN resolutions) will detail what decision you made, why you made that decision, and the necessary resources or connections that were needed in order to execute this decision. If there is a large disagreement on which decision to make, there should be reports for each side of the debate. Once the report(s) have been submitted, you will vote on which decision to proceed with. This vote will require a 51% majority vote. If there is an even number of delegates in committee, the delegate representing General John W. Raymond, the Chief of Space Operations at the USSF, will have the tiebreaker vote, and there is a chain of command prepared in the circumstances Raymond is not present.

Each delegate, and member of the United States Space Force, will be provided a number of contacts that they can message during committee through closed directives. The actions these contacts can accomplish will be listed on a document provided, or message provided on the day of committee.

Depending on the circumstances, delegates may be able to provide press releases to the committee. This will generally only be done when specific information is provided to delegates either through crisis events or through closed directive responses.

As a branch of the United States military, the United States Space Force is also allocated a budget that we can use as a committee, enabling us to engage in multiple different actions. The cost of an individual action will be listed on the relevant crisis updates. The budget for the 2021 fiscal year is \$15 million, so as a committee, we must keep in mind this budget is meant to last the full year, not just today.