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The Acera Model United Nations Conference

What is Model UN???

Model United Nations (or MUN) is a simulation of the real United Nations (UN) used for education for topics such as geopolitics, negotiation, debate, and public speaking. A MUN conference is an event where many children gather together to discuss different topics in different committees, each with their own topic. Each committee is a separate simulation of the UN.

What is the AMUN Conference???

Organizing the AMUN conference was my IMP project. The Acera MUN (or AMUN) conference was a MUN conference with two committees that took place on May 4th, 2024. The AMUN conference served 21 delegates (middle school students) from Acera and form schools in the surrounding area. Over the course of the planning process I have had to contact other schools and plan various aspects of the actual conference. The parts of the planning that have to do with the MUN aspects of the conference had the aid of the Acera MUN club. The parts that have to do with the contacting and logistics have been with the help of my mentor Kei Phillip.

What is a Crisis Committee???

A crisis committee is a different type of committee where delegates have powers in addition to their voting and diplomacy. Often times crisis committees are used to cover historical and fictional topics. A crisis committee has a crisis backroom where a group of staff members kind of “gamemaster” the delegates powers and what they are doing with them.

What topics/committees are in the AMUN Conference???

The Acera MUN conference had two committees. Both of the committees are crisis committees. The committees are both fictional. The first was an alternate history 1933 Russia committee and the second was a Star Wars committee (the conference took place on May 4th so we had to include Star Wars).

What have I learned while organizing the AMUN Conference???

I have learned how to effectively communicate using email. I have also learned how to plan an event and coordinate staff internally. The final thing I learned is how to effectively manage my time.

Crisis: Star Wars (The Deregulation of the Banks)



Crisis: Star Wars

(The Deregulation of the Banks)

(Description)

This committee centered around a major event in the Clone Wars where, after peace negotiations break down, many Republic senators call for the deregulation of the banks to make a raise army. In this committee delegates had to navigate the complications of politics and loyalty.

Chair:
Patrick McDonagh



Co-Chair:
Helen Colthurst



Crisis: Star Wars

(The Deregulation of the Banks)

(Retrospective)

This committee went well with almost unanimously positive feedback. However, towards the end, the committee devolved into chaos. Otherwise it ran perfectly. Pat and Helen were great chairs, with Pat being a Star Wars expert and Helen being excellent at parliamentary procedure.

Crisis: Alternate History

1933 Russia

- People's Federative Republic of United Russia
- Democratic Republic of Irkutsk
- Democratic People's Republic of Northern Caucasia
- Republic of United Siberia
- Republic of Southern Russia
- Kingdom of Northern Russia
- Republic of Caspia
- Empire of Kazakhstan
- Republic of Western Mongolia
- Empire of Japan
- State of Alaska
- Tsardom of Ukraine
- United Baltic Kingdom
- Republic of Lithuania
- Crimean Khanate
- Disputed Between Everyone
- Disputed Between RUS and DRI
- Occupied by Caspia, Claimed by Kazakhstan



Crisis: Alternate History 1933 Russia (Description)

Chair:
Nathaniel Rosman



Co-Chair:
Claire Roses



This committee was centered around a divided Russia (the map can be seen on the previous slide) in an alternate history aftermath of the Russian civil war. Different countries have various disagreements, allies, and political alignments. In this committee delegates had to navigate a complicated web of political and social intrigue.

Crisis: Alternate History 1933 Russia (Retrospective)

This committee generally went well. The crisis backroom was a little overwhelmed. There were many assassination attempts (all of which failed). Nathaniel and Claire were excellent chairs and the committee ran smoothly.

Crisis Backroom Team Members

Kat Alonzo



Logan Wang



Tzippy
Rosenstock







Riyo Chuchi
Chair, Star Wars

Lott Dod
Chair, Star Wars



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