

I welcome you to the NBA Owners Meeting 1989: Building A Global Game here at UCBMUN XXI. I hope you enjoy your weekend in San Francisco and have an enjoyable time debating an alternate course for the NBA in its ascension as a powerhouse in the American and global entertainment markets.

My name is Vaibhav (Vī-Bō) Srikanan and I will be serving as your chair for this glorious conference. I am a junior studying computer science and economics. I was raised among the rolling fields of soybeans and corn in Des Moines, Iowa. I have a fervent love for my state and can rattle off infinite facts as to why Iowa is the greatest place on Earth. I have been in UCBMUN for 3 years, but I also did 2 years of MUN in high school and this will be my second time chairing after chairing Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet at UCBMUN XX. Outside of MUN, I am a huge basketball fan and have been watching for most of my life. My favorite team is the Miami Heat who I have been following since 2005 (not a bandwagon). Other than basketball, I enjoy reading about America's other pastime, politics. Other than those two, I do usual college things like explore the various foods and beers of the city and watch a lot of Netflix.

The intent of this committee is not to test delegates' basketball knowledge, but to focus on creating a refined basketball product for fans rather than altering the game to add depth. The goal is to run the NBA as the business that it is versus running it just as a professional sports league. The time period was selected specifically to deal with changes in technology, which brings the NBA to a crossroads of globalization. In committee I hope to see substantive discussion about topics and delegates bringing new viewpoints to the forefront on the various issues. I encourage widespread collaboration and applaud detailed resolutions that flush out all the various nuances of the different topics.