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Galactic Senate Study Guide

Co-Under Secretaries General

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Letter From The Secretariat

Dear Delegates,

It is with great pride and genuine excitement that I welcome you to BILSEM-MUN 2026. As Secretary-General, I have the honour of opening the doors of this conference to each of you whether you are stepping into a committee room for the very first time or returning as a seasoned diplomat.

Model United Nations is far more than a simulation. It is a space where ideas are tested, where the courage to speak meets the discipline to listen, and where young people discover that the world's hardest problems are rarely solved by a single voice. Over these days you will negotiate, you will disagree, you will compromise, and I hope you will surprise yourselves with what you are capable of.

This study guide is your starting point, not your finish line. Read it closely, question it, and then go further: study your country's position, understand the perspectives you will meet across the table, and arrive ready not merely to defend an argument but to build something with the people around you. The most memorable moments in any committee come from delegates who prepared deeply and then dared to think on their feet.

To our committee directors and the entire BILSEM-MUN team, thank you for the countless hours that make a conference like this possible. And to you, our delegates: this conference is yours. Fill it with sharp debate, bold ideas, and the kind of diplomacy that reminds us why we gather here in the first place.

I look forward to meeting you all and to the gavel that begins it all.

Warm regards,

Emir Mücteba Özsiğınan

Secretary-General, BILSEM-MUN 2026

Letter From The Under Secretaries General

Distinguished Delegates,

We are Roni Turgut and Can Akın Körpe, two IBDP students at Çemberlitaş Anatolian High School, your Co-Under Secretaries General for this conference. We are glad to be a part of this conference and committee and we hope that you are too. We would like to thank you for taking the time to apply to this conference and preferring our committee.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for inviting us and making this committee possible as well as the Directorate for ensuring the existence of the conference. In addition, we would like to thank the Star Wars Fandom Wiki writers for being our main source and being a driving force in the writing of this study guide.

As great fans of the Star Wars franchise, we are more than pleased to be writing this study guide and curating this committee. We hope you are as enthusiastic for this committee as we are.

As for our requests, we ask for you to carefully read the RoP (Rules of Procedure) and this study guide for the comfort of both us and you. We also request you to do your extensive research and watch “Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace” if you are unfamiliar with the content.

We would like to remind you that we are both accessible for questions. For questions regarding the Star Wars universe and the contents of this committee, please reach out to Roni at his email roniturgu@gmail.com and for questions regarding procedure and MUN overall, reach Can at ecekorpe2009@gmail.com.

Once again, thank you for applying and taking time to read this guide.

May The Force Be With You,
Can Akın Körpe and Roni Turgut
Co-Under Secretaries General



Introduction to the Committee

The Galactic Senate was founded on 25,053 BBY (Before Battle of Yavin) with the establishment of the Republic. It is situated on Coruscant, in the Senate district of the Capital World of the Republic. The main concern of the Galactic Senate is to settle disputes and dictating laws between differing worlds to the best of all concerns. In addition, the Jedi Order has pledged alliance to the Galactic Senate.

The Galactic Senate is led by a democratically elected Chancellor who holds the ability to call for a special session of the congress and could be removed by a Vote of No Confidence by senators. Supporting the Chancellor is the Vice Chair, who would help set the agenda for the senate and call for votes on varying pieces of legislation.

Senators from varying worlds are active members of the Senate as well as Junior Representatives who can voice the opinions of a minority group or a political party of an existing planet. However, these representatives are not allowed to vote on or introduce new legislation, but could perform these duties if the instated senator was on a leave of absence or otherwise unavailable.

Within the Senate, there were factions of like-minded Senators voting similarly on matters.

The Core Faction

The Core Faction is a political faction which advocated for an increase in centralized government power, such as the establishment of tax-funded programs, which prioritized the Republic civilization's expansion and elevation in a way that organized the rest of the galaxy similarly to the Core Worlds region.

The Rim Faction

The Rim Faction advocated for rights for individual star systems and diametrically opposed the ideals of the Core Faction, the second split faction, by voting against centralized power and tax-funded programs.

The Militarists

The Militarists expressed little concern for economical matters; the faction's members concentrated their focus on surveying Hutt Clan expansion and destroying pirate groups and criminal organizations within the galaxy. As such, the Militarists sought the restoration of a formal and centralized Republic military as opposed to the ad hoc network of planetary defense forces supported by Republic Judicials and Sector Rangers.

Sociopolitical Climate and Astrogeography

Political Climate

Within the Senate, it is examinable that the Core Worlds hold power. Be it economically and politically, the Core Worlds hold great strength. This leads to severe resentment from the Mid and Outer Rim Worlds which believe to be exploited and ignored. To compare with the real world, the Core Worlds could be seen as Western Europe and the United States, Mid Rim could be seen as the SWANA region, the Balkans and East Asia and Outer Rim as colonized land such as Africa, South America, South and Southeast Asia.

During this era, the Jedi Order were not simply serving as knights but also diplomats. Some believed that because of the Jedi's close ties with the Galactic Senate, the Jedi were merely a servant of the Core Worlds.

Astrogeography

The Deep Core & Core Worlds: Places like Coruscant, Alsakan, and Corellia. This is the wealthy, hyper-developed center of civilization. It is densely populated, technologically advanced, and the absolute seat of Republic power.

The Colonies & Inner Rim: Highly developed worlds that act as the industrial and economic engines feeding the Core.

The Mid Rim: Worlds here (like Naboo or Kashyyyk) are civilized but have a more frontier-like attitude. They often feel neglected by the Core.

The Outer Rim: In the Old Republic era, the Outer Rim was massive, lawless, and largely unmapped. It is a haven for criminals, the Hutt Cartel, and various Sith Empires.

The Unknown Regions: A massive, chaotic swath of space on the western galactic plane. Hyperspace travel here is nearly impossible due to gravity anomalies, leaving it a total mystery.

Introduction to The Agenda Item

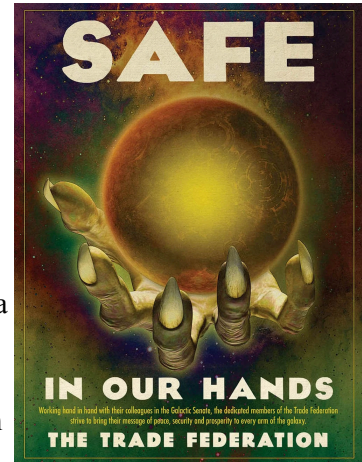
The Corporate Alliance, a conglomerate headquartered on the planet of Murkhana; stationed a fleet in orbit around the planet in order to prevent the coming and going of starships, causing the Republic to dispatch a Jedi-led task force to resolve the matter. Following this event TradeFed forces would launch a siege on the planet of Naboo simultaneously with a blockade on the planet in order to pressure the planet's leader, Queen Padme Amidala, into signing a petition treaty. Both the Royal House of Naboo and the Federation being members of the Galactic Republic would spark a political debacle within the Galactic Senate.

The TradeFed

The TradeFed, also known as the Trade Federation, was indirectly founded in 232 BBY by the Galactic Republic to encourage economic development at the Outer Rim. Right after its foundation the TradeFed quickly gained power in the Outer Rim and established its own private military following this rise in prosperity. Over time, the TradeFed gained enough size, power and prestige to cause power struggles between themselves and the Galactic Senate.

While the TradeFed was founded to ensure safe trading in the Outer Rim, with its growth the Federation expanded their operations to other interests such as mining and droid production, turning it into a megacorporation.

The TradeFed would often force planets into exclusive contracts, which in many cases gave them the ability to blockade systems and intervene with and possibly control their politics. Eventually, it came to a point where the Federation laid down its own law on and around the trade routes, exerting undue influence over neighboring systems and extorting enormous "protection" fees. In effect, the Free Trade Zones became free only for the mega-corporations affiliated with the Trade Federation, while independent traders were forced to pay heavy tolls and follow oppressive regulations



Early foundations

The Trade Federation was founded in 232 BBY and although not clear, could be seen as a result of the Galactic Republic's wishes to expand and encourage economic development in the Galaxy, especially outlying star systems.

At the time, the Outer Rim was a crime-prone environment with illicit activities plaguing the region, given that it was out of the Galactic Republic's jurisdiction. Initially, Free Trade Zones were formed in those regions. However, due to the lack of jurisdiction and the crime-prone nature of the region; merchants were subject to pirates, plunderers and criminals alike. Commercial, financial, manufacturing, and shipping companies united to ensure their own protection towards these criminals, resulting in the foundation of The Trade Federation. The trigger, or the Franz Ferdinand for turn of phrase, was the Nihil Conflict.

The Jedi Order

"Being a Jedi is not just about power, or lightsabers, or even skill with the Force. It is about connection. Being part of something bigger. I am stronger as part of the Jedi Order than I could ever be alone."

—Obi-Wan Kenobi, to Anakin Skywalker

The Jedi Order, known as well as The Order of The Jedi, is a noble monastic and nontheistic order devoted to the light side of the Force. They served as mediators, warriors, and with teaching and exploratory efforts. With a history dating back thousands of years before the rise of the Galactic Empire, the Jedi Knights—noted for their lightsabers and natural ability to harness the powers of the Force—stood as the guardians of peace and justice in the Galactic Republic. The Order was originally established on Ahch-To in the Unknown Regions. In later years, the Jedi Grand Temple on the Core World Coruscant served as the hub of all Jedi activity in the galaxy. The Temple was also a training school for younglings and Padawans, who learned the ways of the Force under the supervision of Jedi Masters, twelve of whom were elected to serve on the Jedi High Council—the Order's highest governing authority. The High Council's staff officers were the Grand Master, who functioned as the leader of the Order and was a title reserved for the wisest Jedi Master, and the Master of the Order, who served as the Council's appointed leader. The Jedi Code governed the Order's way of life; therefore, every Jedi was duty-bound to observe and uphold the Code or else risk expulsion from the Order.

The Sith

"The Sith... The Sith Took Everything From Me. Ripped Me From My Mother's Arms, Murdered My Brother, Used Me As A Weapon, And Then Cast Me Aside. Abandoned Me! Once I Had Power, Now I Have Nothing. Nothing."

—Maul, to Ezra Bridger

Questions to be Answered

- ★ How should the Galactic Senate approach their relations with TradeFed?
- ★ How must the TradeFed be regulated?
- ★ To what extent has the TradeFed violated Galactic Law?

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