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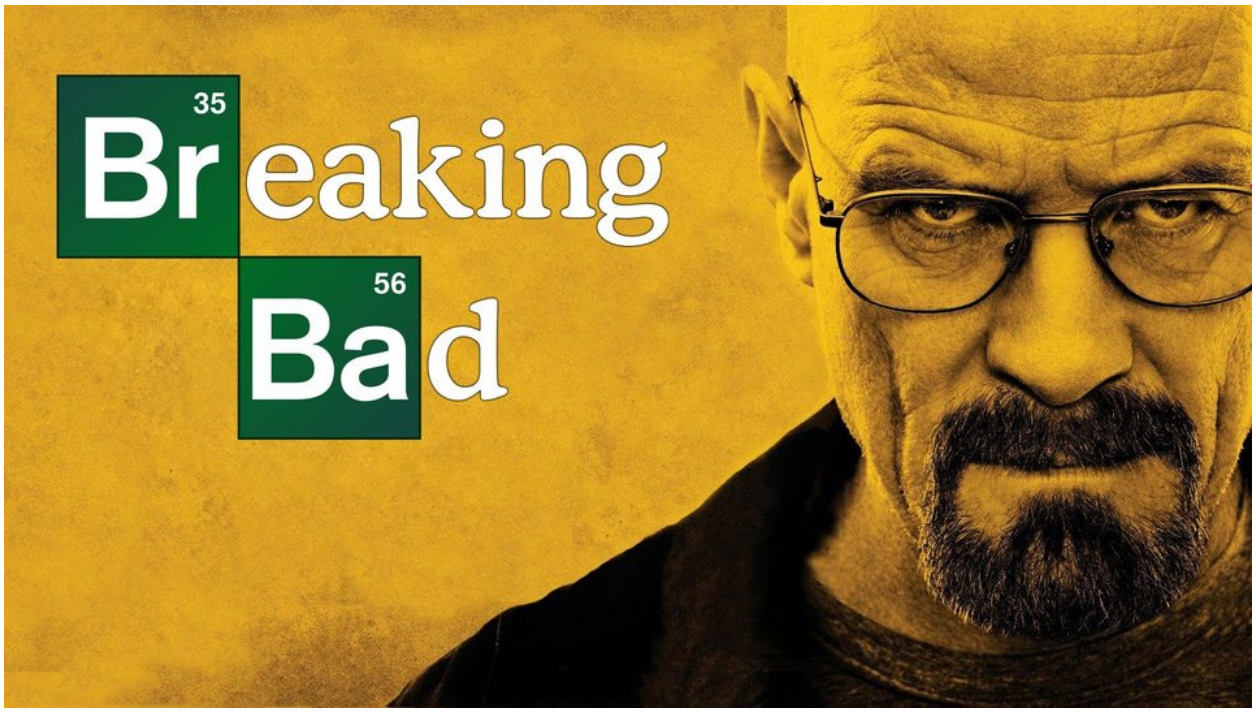


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Breaking Bad Crisis Committee

Director: Xuan Lan Tran

Chair: Tihomir Dobrev

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Letter from the director and chair:

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to UNIS's 9th annual Model UN conference! We're all very excited to work with you and see what silly antics you'll get up to in this crisis committee. Our team has worked hard and we hope you enjoy this Breaking Bad committee experience!

This crisis committee is set in season 4 of Breaking Bad, kicking off from episode 11, where Hank points out the laundromat superlab while on a stakeout. Diverging from canon (which we're going to be doing a lot of, so get used to it), here, Walter accidentally completes the U-Turn successfully, but those at the lab manage to escape with some of their equipment. This, combined with Walter's other suspicious behavior, results in Hank finally realizing that Walter might have something to do with the meth trade. Walter is detained and questioned, while the DEA implements much heavier restrictions and makes the laundromat a crime scene.

My name is Xuan, and I'll be your director! I'm the senior student council representative here at UNIS and have been a member of MUN since I was a sophomore. I've actually never seen all of Breaking Bad (thank God for Wikipedia) but I'm eager to see how you come up with ways to stab each other in the back and maximize your profits. If you catch me outside of school, I'll probably be gardening, sewing, or turning over rocks to find cool bugs to taxidermy.

Our chair is Tihomir, a member of MUN since junior year when he first came to UNIS. He's a huge Breaking Bad / Better Call Saul fan and loves exploring the city in his downtime.

Big thanks to our staffers, who will be working hard to help with crisis notes and make updates as much fun as possible! Feel free to contact us at the emails below if you have any questions, comments, or hate mail.

Thank you and enjoy,

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Conference Schedule:

Opening Ceremonies	*8:00 am - 9:00 am*
Committee Session I	*9:00 am - 1:00 pm*
Lunch Break	*1:00 pm - 2:00 pm*
Committee Session II	*2:00 pm - 5:30 pm*
Closing Ceremonies	*5:30 pm - 6:15 pm*

UNISMUNC IX aims to foster debate, bringing students the opportunity to explore a range of topics, and encourage collaboration and teamwork between delegates. Be that as it may, UNIS stresses the importance of respectful language as UNISMUNC IX will see delegates debating topics that at times may be heated or passionate. MUNEX encourages you to remember to stay respectful and mindful of the other students around you. We are so excited for this conference and trust that no issues will arise.

- Sincerely MUNEX

A Brief Overview of Committee:

Thanks to Hank's paralysis, Walter has been forced to chauffeur his brother-in-law around on various DEA missions. One fateful day, Hank instructs Walter to bring him to Lavandería Brillante, Gus's laundromat. Walter attempts to swerve out of the way and get hit by another car, but instead, he successfully U-turns into the laundromat and must help Hank into the superlab. When the staff recognize him, Walter panics, and tries to run, but Hank has already called for backup. Those in the lab escape through a secret passageway as Hank finally connects the dots about Walter, and takes him in for questioning. As nervewracking as it is that the DEA has decided to extend and tighten regulations in light of Heisenberg's arrest, this opens up the opportunity for those involved in Heisenberg's empire to make millions - but no one can do it alone, and you will all need to work together to find an appropriate location, buyer of precursors, and safety…

Because of the non-canon premise, the timeline is shifted a bit and we will, for the most part, not be sticking to the plots of late season 4 or any of season 5 (and not just because I *still* haven't finished the show…). Some people who are dead will be alive, et cetera. This also means you are free to act however you want as long as it's in accordance with your portfolio powers - who knows, maybe this time around Hector Salamanca will decide that he loves and respects the DEA and Badger will be a cold-blooded murder machine - up to you!

Crisis "Parliamentary" Procedure:

Committee Procedure:

Like most crisis committees, the parliamentary procedure will be slightly different from General Assembly (GA) and Specialized Committees. The parliamentary procedure used in this committee is optimized for the relatively few people in our committee, and for the quick responses needed for crises.

Perpetual Moderated Caucus:

Unlike GA or Specialized Committees, Crisis Committees will not have a speakers list and will operate under a perpetual moderated caucus. A perpetual moderated caucus is a

never-ending moderated caucus that runs for the entirety of the committee, with no set topic. For this committee, the perpetual moderated caucus will have a 30-second speaking time. This perpetual moderated caucus will be suspended when a delegate proposes a motion. For example, if a motion for a five-minute moderated caucus is passed, the perpetual moderated caucus will be suspended, and the committee will enter the five-minute moderated caucus. If there are no points or motions on the floor, the chair will revert to the perpetual moderated caucus.

Amendments and Division of the Question:

In this committee, all amendments to papers will be considered unfriendly and will therefore require a two-thirds majority to pass. Similar to amendments, the motion to divide the question requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

A List of Points and Motions:

- Motion to Open Debate
- Motion for a Moderated Caucus
- Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus
- Motion for a Round Table
- Motion to Introduce All Papers on the Dais
- Motion to Introduce an Amendment
- Motion to divide the Question
- Motion to Enter Voting Procedure
- Motion to Adjourn Debate
- Motion for a Vote of No Confidence
- Point of Inquiry
- Point of Information
- Point of Personal Privilege
- Point of Order

Written Papers:

Crisis Notes: Crisis notes are notes used in order to take personal action from a delegate, without the need for committee approval. Crisis notes are therefore bound by a character's

individual portfolio power. There are myriad ways to write Crisis Notes, but ensure to sign your character's name at the end.

Directives: Like GA and Specialized Committees, Crisis Committees have documents that take committee action with regard to the issue. In Crisis committees, this document is called a Directive. Directives will require a minimum of three people signing off on the document, with a minimum of one sponsor and one signatory.

Communiqués: Communiqués are committee documents used to communicate with people outside of the committee. For example, Communiqués are used when surrender terms would be sent to the opponent. Similar to Directives, they will require a minimum of three people on the document, with a minimum of one sponsor and one signatory.

Background information:

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration:

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration, or DEA, is a federal law enforcement agency dedicated to the combat of illicit drug manufacture, smuggling, and distribution. While there are armed operations directly dedicated to reducing drug-related crime by arresting suppliers, the DEA also uses prevention programs like education and community-based support as part of their work (United States Drug Enforcement Administration). In *Breaking Bad,* the DEA is the primary organization that investigates Heisenberg's meth empire (Editors of Wikipedia).

Methamphetamine:

A potent central nervous system stimulant, methamphetamine is legally used as an ADHD or weight loss treatment, and illegally as a recreational drug. The feelings of increased euphoria, energy, and its aphrodisiac qualities make it highly addictive, as well as the nervous system's ability to rapidly build tolerance to methamphetamine abuse. Users suffer adverse health effects such as irregular heartbeat and blood pressure, hyperventilation, and amphetamine psychosis. The methamphetamine shown in *Breaking Bad* is crystallized methamphetamine hydrochloride. Withdrawal symptoms include anxiety, fatigue, headaches, muscle spasms, and hallucinations

(Editors of Wikipedia). It is typically manufactured for illegal use through pseudoephedrine, or cold medicine (Close). Delegates whose characters abuse methamphetamine will have this to think about, and all delegates can think about how these impacts of the drug can be used to manipulate the situation to their advantage.

Season Summaries, Pilot and Current Status episode:

Pilot:

Overqualified high school chemistry teacher Walter White's idyllic life with wife Skyler and son Walter Junior fades upon learning he has terminal lung cancer. After witnessing a DEA raid with his agent brother-in-law Hank, he reaches out to his former student Jesse Pinkman and enters the world of cooking and selling crystal meth. He gets more than he bargained for after Jesse's connections in the drug-dealing world, Emilio Koyama and Krazy-8, hold the pair at gunpoint and force him to cook. While disturbed and exhausted by his first day, Walter feels equally powerful in his new occupation (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

S1:

Walter is offered financial assistance for his treatment but turns it down, enjoying work as a meth dealer. Hank discovers that meth-cooking equipment is missing from the high school Walter works at, but does not suspect him. Jesse and Walter begin dealing meth to Tuco Salamanca, with Walter using the alias "Heisenberg", from the Heisenberg uncertainty principle. Walter uses fulminated mercury to blow up Tuco's base after he refuses to pay for the meth Jesse deals him (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

S2:

Hank kills Tuco in a shootout and Jesse and Walter agree never to see each other again, however, Jesse asks Walter for money after the DEA confiscates his earnings. They later begin cooking meth again and hire a sleazy lawyer named Saul Goodman. Saul has them launder their meth earnings through the website Walter Junior has created to fundraise for his father's cancer treatments (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

S3:

Twin brothers Marco and Leonel Salamanca, known as “the Cousins”, seek to kill Heisenberg to avenge their cousin Tuco. Gus Fring offers Walter a new meth-cooking arrangement with Gale Boetticher as his assistant. Walter reveals his double life to Skyler, who promises she will not tell the authorities, and later begins to be involved in his criminal activities. Walter convinces Gus to replace Gale with Jesse (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

S4:

Walter buys a gun for protection, refusing to seek police protection. Jesse, numb from shooting Gale, disappears. When he returns, he and Walter plan to kill Gus with ricin. Mike Ehrmantraut warns Walter that Hank has discovered the factory farm where they cook meth, and plans to stake it out (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Season 4, Episode 11: Crawl Space

Gus reveals to Jesse that he plans to kill Walter given that Jesse has proven that he can run the laboratory. However, Jesse indicates that he won’t cook for Gus if he kills Walter, and insists that he fire or pay off Walter instead. Ted Beneke, Skyler’s boss, fails to pay the IRS which may result in Skyler being investigated, so she calls Saul about it. While driving Hank on a stakeout, Walter realizes that Hank is onto their use of the laundromat as a superlab, and attempts to stop him by swerving the car away (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*…

Current situation:

Although Jesse and some of the henchmen manage to escape and move some of their meth-cooking equipment out of the laundromat, Walter is caught and detained by the DEA. With the powerful drug kingpin Heisenberg gone, everyone involved has the opportunity to fill his position, and enjoy his influence and wealth. However, the DEA has increased restrictions on the purchase of equipment and ingredients (namely pseudoephedrine, matches, and acetone) following the apprehension of Walter White, creating a meth drought - meaning profiting off of Heisenberg’s arrest will be both riskier and more lucrative. Consider, also, that characters who abuse methamphetamine will be physically and psychologically affected by the drought, and therefore be easier to manipulate. Those who still have their equipment may also be targeted given the induced scarcity, and all delegates will have to watch their back. Without the

laundromat superlab, no one has the means to cook the full scale of methamphetamine that the drug underworld demands on their own, so delegates will be forced to work together if they want to maximize their profits, deciding on potential new locations to cook, whether anyone should take the risky move of stealing chemicals, and even who to eliminate...

Questions to consider:

1. Who is the DEA most likely to target? Who are they least likely to target?
2. Is it wise to try and create a new superlab?
3. Who has less experience in the drug underworld and can be more easily manipulated?
4. With induced scarcity, where and who can you get the most money from?
5. Think of your character's chemistry knowledge - can they turn an even bigger profit from the drought? Can they find a loophole in the DEA restrictions?
6. How can you gain the trust of other characters and build cooking partnerships with them?
7. How can you protect yourself? How can you threaten those who threaten you?

Character List:

Jesse Pinkman

Jesse Pinkman is Walter's partner-in-crime and the catalyst of his entering the drug world. He initially produces low-grade crystal meth, but his collaboration with Walter allows him to cook exceptional meth. Jesse is frequently underestimated by the other characters but is a quick-thinking and clever young man who is able to find a way out of most situations. However, while he is impulsive and hedonistic, he is horrified by the violence of the drug underworld and is seriously disturbed by the idea of killing innocent people (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Skyler White

Skyler White is Walter's wife. Initially, she is portrayed as loving yet nagging, with no knowledge of Walter's crimes, but as he becomes increasingly secretive over the course of the series their marriage becomes strained. When she eventually learns of his engagement in the meth trade, she attempts to divorce him, but instead ends up having to help him launder money. Skyler's somewhat controlling personality in the first season contributes to Walter's desire to

become a drug kingpin, as these feelings of emasculation result in his later desire to be seen as powerful and influential (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Gustavo Fring

Gustavo (Gus) Fring is a Chilean restaurant chain founder and narcotics dealer. Gus's humble, low-key persona allows him to generally fly under the radar: he donates to the DEA, drives a 1998 Volvo V70, and offers his employees the day off and full pay after they are threatened by Hector Salamanca. Charismatic and pleasant, Gus is actually a deeply manipulative and calculative man who will stop at nothing to build his empire and avenge the death of his lover, Max Arciniega, at the hands of Hector Salamanca (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Hector Salamanca

Hector Salamanca is the don of the Salamanca cartel, and uncle to Marco, Leonel, Tuco, and Lalo. He is incredibly loyal to the cartel, and despises the DEA, refusing to answer their questions even when it could have meant Jesse being punished for indirectly getting his nephew killed. He also hates Gustavo Fring, having killed his partner Max years ago. Though he is an elderly man, he is prideful, controlling, and ruthless, being willing to kill innocent people or even children (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Saul Goodman

Jimmy McGill, better known by his business name Saul Goodman, is a defense attorney and con man, representing criminals while being entangled in the drug underworld. In spite of his colorful, unserious attire and equally sleazy mannerisms, Saul is a competent lawyer who is excellent at finding loopholes. He has few moral convictions and is prepared to ruin the lives of those around him if it means achieving his goals (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Mike Ehrmantraut

Mike Ehrmantraut is a former police officer and US veteran turned career criminal. He has worked for both Saul Goodman and Gustavo Fring, working as their security, cleaner, fixer, investigator, and hitman. His experience as both a cop and a marine gives him a large advantage in the criminal underworld, as he is a proficient impersonator and assassin. In spite of this, he

cares deeply for his family and is solely motivated by providing for his beloved granddaughter, Kaylee (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Badger

Badger is a longtime friend of Jesse and a low-level meth dealer. Badger often bought pseudoephedrine for Jesse to cook meth with, although, without Walter's help, Jesse would deem their batches inferior. He, Combo, and Skinny Pete were recruited by Jesse to deal meth, but Badger was arrested after he was caught. Saul later helped him achieve a plea deal. Though indulgent and a meth user, Badger cares for Jesse and refuses to sell narcotics to recovering addicts (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Skinny Pete

Skinny Pete is another one of Jesse's friends, and also a meth distributor. Pete initially is willing to deal meth for Jesse, until Badger is arrested and Combo is murdered for entering a rival gang's territory. Later, however, he starts dealing again after Jesse begins taking excess meth from Gus Fring's superlab. Like Badger, he cares for Jesse and refuses to deal recovering addicts meth, and attempts to recover himself (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Tyrus Kitt

Tyrus Kitt is one of Gus Fring's henchmen and enforcers. He assists Mike in receiving shipments of Walter and Jesse's blue meth from Gus's superlab, surveilling Jesse and Walt's every move. Tyrus eventually leads the operation and catches Walt's attempts to set him up by weighing one crate of meth a few ounces too heavily. Aggressive, ruthless, and cruel, Tyrus despises Walter and seems to enjoy his misery. He displays little emotion and is just as calm as his employer, Gus (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Patrick Kuby

Patrick Kuby is one of Saul's henchmen. Formerly involved in organized crime in Boston, he helps Walter and Skyler purchase the car wash by posing as an inspector. He and Huell Babineaux intimidate Ted Beneke into paying the IRS, inadvertently making him break his neck

and causing him to be paralyzed. Patrick is laidback and sarcastic, and nonchalant about his criminal activities (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Huell Babineaux

Huell Babineaux is Saul's bodyguard who sometimes performs other errands for him. His size and pickpocketing skills make him a competent intimidator, although his narcolepsy and digestive issues make him less stoic than Saul would prefer. He helps Patrick Kuby intimidate Ted Beneke into paying the IRS. Though remorseless, he shows loyalty to Jesse and Saul (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

NOTE*: The following characters are dead by episode 11 of season 4, Crawl Space, which we're starting from. However, due to the lack of viable delegates, we're saying they miraculously survived whatever assassination attempt happened. This show puts an artistic license on a lot of things, like chemistry, the law, and how big an explosion created by fulminated mercury would actually be, so a couple of inexplicable point-blank gunshot and/or fatal injection survivals don't seem out of the question. If Walter can walk away from an explosion that should have left him gravely injured without a scratch, the unspecified lethal poison Gus used on Eladio should be nothing.*

Marco Salamanca

Marco, alongside his brother Leonel, was raised by their uncle Hector Salamanca. From a young age, he was taught the importance of family loyalty by his uncle and is thus extremely dedicated to protecting or avenging his family, as seen when he and his brother go to great lengths to attempt to kill Hank for killing their cousin Tuco. Although quiet, he is an incredibly cold-blooded and professional killer (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Leonel Salamanca

Leonel, alongside his brother Marco, was raised by their uncle Hector Salamanca. From a young age, he was taught the importance of family loyalty by his uncle and is thus extremely dedicated to protecting or avenging his family, as seen when he tries to kill Walter even while gravely

injured. Although quiet, he is an incredibly cold-blooded and professional killer (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Juan Bolsa

Don Juan Bolsa is a co-founder of the cartel, often acting as a mediator between Hector Salamanca and Gus Fring in order to maximize the cartel's profit. However, he will secretly play either side for his own gain. Juan forced Gus to watch as Max was killed, which is why Gus despises him. Juan is actually quite a simple man, enjoying living as a farmer on his hacienda, being practical and composed in comparison to Hector (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

Eladio Vuente

Eladio Vuente is a friendly and charismatic but sociopathic drug lord. He is one of the dons of the cartel, alongside Hector. In order to remain in power, he forces his lieutenants to bring him large sums of money, favoring the one with the largest sum and demeaning the others. Gus and Max attempted to propose a business deal to Eladio in which they would produce methamphetamine for his cartel, but Eladio was unimpressed and had Max killed by Hector (*Breaking Bad Wiki)*.

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