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# FUTURE CRISIS COMMITTEE



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Lunar Colonies Revolt

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## Directors Letter

Delegates,

Welcome citizens of the future to the Future Crisis Committee (FCC)! My name is Liam Krattli and I am a sophomore at Bellarmine Preparatory School, and I am delighted to serve as your Director during this iteration of BELLARMUN. Helping me create this committee is your out of this world Chair, Emma Calin, and your stellar Assistant Directors, Sofia Estudillo and Iliana Welker. We can't wait to see you in our astronomical committee.

Outside of Model UN I like to spend my time playing soccer and doing projects in Marine Chemistry. I like to listen to music while I work on my homework. Additionally, I enjoy going on walks around my neighborhood with my dog Ziggy, and runs on the weekend.

Since I am a crisis enthusiast, I can assure you that you have made the correct choice in your committee. FCC will be filled with electric debate and navigating the twists and turns that will keep you on your toes. This is my second year doing Model UN and it has led to some of my best memories of high school.

FCC is a crisis committee and has an extremely fast-paced nature, which helps delegates come up with incredibly clever solutions to a variety of issues. If you are part of this committee then I can assure you that you have made the correct choice.

Our topic is Lunar Colonies Revolt! You will be in positions ranging from politicians to rebel leaders, from law enforcement to scientists, with nearly everyone having different goals and opinions. This committee will have delegates engaging in both exhilarating espionage

Finally, I hope you enjoy this committee as much as I have enjoyed creating it for you

Best Wishes

Liam Krattli

Director | Future Crisis Committee

## **Committee Overview**

Welcome to the Future Crisis Committee of BELLARMUN 2024! FCC is an exciting crisis committee set in a future where colonies on the moon and representative nations back on earth push and pull for freedom and control. This committee is a great way to start your journey as a crisis delegate and expand your debate skills. Now it is time to prepare to launch into the epic battle between the colonies and nations as you debate, write secret messages, and navigate threats!

In FCC, you'll be representing individual people, and attempting to fulfill your colonies and countries' goals. Everyone's role is equally vital to the progression of the committee, whether you are a colonial resident, a neutral party, or a government official, and you will be pushed to infinity and beyond.

On the moon, governors are tasked with maintaining control and unity in colonies, alongside their talented scientists, to maintain peace with the radical rebels. Back on earth, each country representative

Each bloc must fight for committee domination. You must work with your bloc to win against the opposing bloc. Your bloc will have to overcome obstacles, changing the course of the committee and staying fun and entertaining.

Dive into the fun, futuristic world of FCC, and help unfold the story of the colonies versus the nations.

## **Topic Introduction**

Earlier today, union representatives for the Lunarian people stood on the moon's central monument to speak for miner's rights and resident's freedoms. They voiced three main points to the colonial representatives: the rights of the Lunarian miners, the horrendous working conditions of the lower class, and the ever-growing wage gap between middle class government officials and the working class. They advocated for the respect and equal treatment of miners, the people whose work financed the colonies' survival. Suffering heavily in their jobs and their daily lives, miners living in poverty are beginning to stir rebellion.

This past week, shocking news about a rebel attack met the ears of Lunarian reporters. A rebel group known as the Midnight Emissary vandalized multiple mining caves located in Canadian and Japanese territories, resulting in the closure of major mining sites for investigation. These rebellion messages, etched into rock walls, spread popularity and knowledge of the Emissary.

One such note read:

“Today, we, the rebellion, rise and act for a better future—a free future. This is your only warning, if our demands for the people of the colonies are not met, more drastic measures will be taken.”

Due to this incident, colonies, such as the USSR and India, have implemented curfews and further restrictions on citizens to maintain control over their populations. When interviewed by journalists, representatives of such colonies chose not to make a statement about the future of their policies or the goals of their home country. However, a different nation decided to make a statement.

The following is said statement given by Kyo Kanta, the Japanese Colonial Representative:

“Due to recent events, Japan wishes to send its deepest regrets to all those negatively impacted by the poor actions and judgements of such rebellious people. It is important for both citizens and officials to move forward. We offer our aid and solidarity to Canada in helping find and reprimand the rebels, and the re-establishment of the defaced mines. The people of the Earth do their best to send resources to help the colonies, but such transportation relies on the minerals from lunar mines. Therefore, Japan, along with its allies, hopes to find the rebels and return the colonies to order. We encourage other colonial representatives to take control and protect the safety of the Lunarian People.”

## **Topic History**

In the year 2050, the first colonies were placed on the moon—India and the US being the first two countries to bring civilian inhabitants. Less than a decade later, Russia, Canada, Japan,

and France followed suit. At first, colonies co-inhabited the moon peacefully; squabbles and violent attacks were minimal.

As the years passed, the colonies became increasingly independent and advanced. However, agriculture was still an obstacle that seemed impossible to conquer. Because of the incredibly different environment, no farmer, chemist, or biologist could configure a healthy and productive agricultural strategy—especially one that could sustain multiple moon colonies. Despite scientists' effort, the colonies began to grow weary, often becoming jealous of life on Earth. Mother nations saw colonial independence as impossible due to their heavy dependence on Earth's materials. Without productive agricultural strategies, the colonies' growing disdain for their distant leaders would be frivolous.

As the year approached 2085, the colonies were growing closer to making independence a viable option. Scientists on the moon, despite governmental control and scarce resources, found ways to grow plants in modernized greenhouses, and reuse water through filtration systems and crop buildings. They had created habitat domes they hoped could efficiently sustain livestock. Although this was important progress for the colonies, these systems were easily susceptible to the conditions of the moon. They would break easily, were difficult to run, and required large amounts of resources to start. These new discoveries weren't shared equally between different colonies, nor the people within them, and as such three distinct factions developed: those who wanted full independence from origin nations, those who were still dependent on origin nations, and neutral parties who didn't want to partake in what they deemed to be others business.

It didn't take long for the countries to learn of the colonies' secret discoveries and plans; loyalists in the colonies were quick to report incidents of rebellion. Unhappy with news of colonies' technological developments and cries for rebellion, origin countries attempted to suppress colony uprisings with greater restrictions and supervision. Origin countries desire and depend on many resources from the moon, and as such, will take all necessary measures to retain control over their colonies.

## **Current Situation**

The Year is 2100: cars are solely flying, energy is efficient and renewable, and the moon arrives closer to outright rebellion every day. The Lunarians will not stand idly by as they see their freedoms taken away. The restrictions placed on them by their home governments spurred the formation of radical groups. The rebel groups were originally very isolated and sparsely organized, but lately, they have been gaining popularity with those feeling ignored by the government.

Some rebels have attempted to move to other colonies, but with a governmental increase in passport restrictions, few have been able to leave. The colonies of the United States, Japan, and France, have the strictest passport regulations as they try to protect their monopoly of colonial mining operations. While other nations do have looser restrictions on their subjects, their colonies still have less freedom than the average citizen on Earth. These restrictions increase daily, and without any affirmative action by the government, will likely spark outright rebellion.

Currently, the Lunarians depend on their home nations for the import of food, water, and other resources, and are therefore easily susceptible to inflation and high prices. The discovery of ice under the surface of the moon is causing more resentment among the Lunarians as their governments enact mandates against extracting it and claim it is toxic. The government has made it difficult to research new technologies on the moon by claiming development would be too costly and dangerous—which maintains colonial dependence on their governments. Additionally, colonies have been banned from trading with other countries on Earth, leading to massive increases in prices, destructive tariffs, and the rise of black markets. An increase in police presence in the colonies has led to many Lunarians discontent and a feeling of powerlessness.

The balance between peace and war grows increasingly tedious as all the people of Earth and beyond Stivers to obtain their respective goal. It is up to delegates to work towards a solution, despite the challenges and sudden crises they will face, and help progress both their individual and collective goals.

## **Past Action**

In the beginning, countries and their respective colonies retained positive relations—coexisting peacefully. Countries exercised their political power on the moon, and

colonists were included in a profound exploration of space. Small quarrels were inevitable, yet, as time passed, colonists became violent and unstable. Problems that once seemed miniscule, became genuine threats to the safety and security of colonists and their home nations.

As more conflicts erupted in 2075, countries began enacting suppressive policies in their colonies. Many nations began to increase prices on resources sent to their individual colonies—using abusive policy to prove the colonies' dependence. Food shortages grew rampant; malnutrition affected 1 in every 5 Lunarian youths. The colonies, thirsting for independence, rioted frequently. Beginning as peaceful marches, violent raids developed that damaged expensive property and machines. Many colonists refused to stand by as their rights were ignored and their home nations starved them as a political strategy.

An informal class system developed, with the representatives of more powerful countries on top. The concerns of the public and lower class workers were ignored by the majority of representatives, and the colonists began to push for more fair representation of the general population.

While origin nations were lulled into a sense of false security, up on the moon, conflicts were intensifying. In 2085, clashes between independents, dependents, and neutral factions increased tenfold.

By 2061, all colonies had instated varying forms of passport regulations between different colonies, but intercolonial travel was still relatively easy. Once the Industrial Revolution of 2085 occurred, countries began restricting the movement of scientific equipment and, they hoped, subsequently, scientific knowledge. Countries also increased taxes on long-distance communications to Earth for everyone except politicians. They hoped this would stop two major problems on the moon: technological development and rebellions. By cutting off Lunarian scientists from their Earthly colleagues and Lunarian citizens from their more-free Earthly counterparts, respectively, governments hoped to maintain control over their colonies.

This, however, only succeeded in exacerbating the social class and causing greater disdain of government representatives among colonists. Political unrest, ranging from organized protests to violent riots, grew throughout the colonies. Unfair taxes on the laboring class, living wages below those of Earth, high prices on necessary goods, and poor working conditions caused strife between peoples. In a last resort to control the colonies the nations tightened their grasp, but this has failed to ease any tensions.



## **Bloc Positions**

Government and Law Enforcement: Garrett Sylvester, Mason Hawk, Kyo Kanata, Salome Benoit, Esta Lata, Vlad Dracul, Gretta Sylvester, Ritu Rina, Axel Godfrey

The government bloc is made up of representatives from the nations of origin for most of the colonies. They have access to the most resources and are able to get materials from the mother nation, giving them more versatility in their actions as their powers and options are much more broad than those of the other blocs. They also are often under the harshest scrutiny from their home nation as they could be fired and replaced if their nation feels that they are not working in the best interest of the country.

Garret Sylvester: Garrett currently has his dream job as a representative to the colonies and is determined to be the best representative that there ever has been. He grew up severely differently from his cousin, Gretta, and much more comfortably. This created a lot of tension between them as he is more inclined to the job he was assigned and has little sympathy for those in more difficult situations. Due to this tension he doesn't trust his cousin, or many other people, for fear of losing his job.

Masyn Hawk: Mason Hawk is not your average Canadian. He very much so dislikes the false assumption that Canadians are sorry pushovers that eat maple syrup thrice a day. He is very skilled at his job and often thrives on chaos. He got his job after the previous representative was fired due to inaction, so he will never stop working. He blames the Lunarians for their own problems and doesn't share any sympathies, seeing their demands as simply extra

Kyo Kanata: Kyo is seen as one of the more solution oriented members of the government bloc. She believes that the regulations of other countries do not go far enough. She has similar beliefs to Mason and Garrett that the Lunarians don't deserve the extra rights that they claim they do. Kyo reasons that colonists are provided for by their home government well enough. She is currently unpopular in her home district and faces many complaints that are rising in extremity.

Salome Benoit: Salome is one of the few representatives that is currently opposed to her home country's policies. She sees them as extra, which has led her to be a major rival of Kyo. She has managed to obtain and retain her position through her undeniable results. In her previous position she was able to gain enough renown to be promoted to this high of a rank, which helps her government trust her process.

Esta Lata: Esta Lata is one of the most pro-lunarian officials. She has a lot of sympathy for their plight and believes that they deserve more support. Esta is a major proponent of the idea that giving the Lunarians what they want would lead to a more profitable relationship between both parties. Esta is very detail oriented and thinks through all her actions.

Vlad Dracul: Vlad is one of the most serious members of this committee. He feels that jokes are merely a waste of precious committee time and that we need to stay focused on our task. His position of the Lunarians is that they should be heard and their demands answered. While he draws the line at more extreme requests, he is very likely to accept more moderate demands in order to ensure peace in his home territories.

Gretta Sylvester: Gretta is currently working for the Government of the United States, however she is more sympathetic toward the plight of the Lunarians as she has many friends and family that live on the moon. She started working in Government in order to help underprivileged people, which gave her a strong moral compass and work ethic. She has lofty ambitions and even though she is only a junior representative she hopes to one day have her cousin's job, but her morals prevent her from using dishonest means.

Ritu Rina: Ritu has lived her life, and made it as far as she has, by doing what she is told, and doing it faster than everyone. She is very ambitious and hopes to someday have the position of Senior representative to the colonies. While she agrees with the policies of her former superiors, she is fervently against those suggested by Esta. She is against the requests of the Lunarians and sees them as nothing more than unruly children asking for more candy. She thinks that she would do a better job than her superior and should replace her.

Colony Powers: Inna Ahmed, Jonathan Xenon, Governor Teddie Robles, Governor Roseanne Macy, Governor Braylon O'Donnel, Tray Allen, Aries Jordan, Storm Lockwood

The Colonial powers have by far the most sway over the Lunarians. They are able to rally support from inside the colonies but also have a lot of pressure from the Lunarians. They have to be able to balance the calls of the people and make sure not to be too overtly against the government. The members of this bloc each have specific roles within the colonies which they are able to use to empower the side that they choose to support. More members are leaning towards the revolutionary sentiments of the Lunarians however their fervor varies greatly between the members.

Inna Ahmed: Inna is an extremely outspoken person that advocates for the rights of the oppressed. She grew up working in the mines which made her especially sympathetic to miners and their struggles. Inna is widely seen as the most well spoken advocate of the Lunarians and is well respected, even by some government officials.

Jonathan Xenon: Jonathan was born on the moon and has hated the government that has ruled them since he was born. His family suffered in poverty, but he was able to rise through the ranks into a position of power. He has used this power to gain lots of followers, though they aren't as radical as some of the other groups. He is willing to compromise on some issues but has strong desires for a free moon.

Governor Teddie Robles: Teddie is annoyed at the other squabbles of the Lunarians. He thinks that they are too divided to be able to do anything and must unite if they want to actually be heard. He has reached out to many other Lunarians in order to unite, but so far has not been able to make much progress.

Governor Roseanne Macy: While similar to Teddie in her belief that the Lunarians should gain more rights, Roseanne differs in that she wants the current districts to remain separate. She thinks that each individual district should have to fight for their own freedom and is opposed to any

unification ideas. She is believed to be against unification because her current province is very profitable and there is suspicion that she embezzles some of this money.

Governor Braylon O'Donnel: At the start of this conflict, Braylon was one of the most popular governors among Lunarians because of his fervent support of revolutionary ideals and his frequent speeches on the issue. Recently however, more and more rumors have been circulating around that he has been secretly working with the regime. Recent photos of him with expensive gifts marked with earth logos have furthered these rumors. Braylon has denied this; nevertheless, these rumors have severely hurt his standings with the public.

Tray Allen: Tray is a businessman. He openly has little morals, but is known for a soft spot for the colonies. He sells supplies to both sides of the conflict, and, for a price, can get most people nearly anything. Not much is known about his connections, only that they are many and very reliable. He can use his connections for supplies, weapons, information, or even to get rid of anything unwanted—permanently.

Aries Jordan: Aries has been a fervent rebel, even more so than Johnathan, ever since his parents died due to lack of available medicine in his home district. Growing up, he watched politicians bicker about simple issues, and declared that the bureaucrats and representatives were simply wastes of space. He is not willing to compromise on any issues and will go toe to toe with anyone that disagrees. He has organized a major following that is suspected of planning many of the riots that have occurred, although it is not known how many followers he has.

Storm Lockwood: Storm is a very popular speaker. As the public representative to the colonies she has heard many of the plights of the people and brought it to the government, making him a popular option for non-violent revolutionists.

Axel Godfrey: Axel is a career military man. As a child he always wanted to be a general or a police captain, and he has achieved those dreams. He is the head of security on the moon and has an own army under his control, although it could be removed if enough support is rallied against him. He rules his domains with an iron grip and has cracked down on any activity he finds. He is

unflinching at any compromises and supports the government wholeheartedly. He is much more knowledgeable of the Lunarians and the moon than any representatives and has a lot of access to intelligence and force.

Scientists: Jenna Wang, Echo Anson, Norbert Bruin, Kent Kentwood

The Scientist Bloc is composed of the leaders in each major field that have been responsible for the developments shaping the moon today. Due to government restrictions, these scientists do not have access to necessary materials or decent labs, however, through their combined mind power, they are able to continue progressing scientific development one micrometer at a time. The bloc is officially neutral; however, some scientists do have personal beliefs that may sway who they assist.

Jenna Wang: Jenna is one of the few scientists that was born in the colonies. She has not had access to sufficient formal education, but due to her intellect she was able to persevere through the hardships and learn remotely on the moon, becoming one of the brightest scientists. She is currently working on weapons research and has designed nearly everything from military transportation to the newest brand of weapons. While she works for the government many suspect that she has not forgotten her roots.

Echo Anson: Echo is one of the older scientists and is the descendant of those responsible for making travel to the moon possible. She has followed in her ancestors' footsteps and has sought to improve transportation between the Earth and Moon. While most people support her ability to make transporting medicine and food more efficient, some criticize her focus on imports rather than Lunar production.

Norbert Bruin: While Norbert might not sound like an outdoorsy person, he very much is. He grew up on Earth and loved the outdoors, but when he went to the moon for the first time, he was disappointed. He hated that the people didn't have the same opportunity he did and wanted to help them. Ever since, his dream has been to completely transform the Moon into a habitable

body that future people could live on without relying on imports. He wants a fast and peaceful end to this conflict so that his work can continue in peace.

Kent Kentwood: Kent is the premier Lunar geologist, and his job is anything but boring. Because of his unprecedented work in the usage of Rasapanium and Mordenite, he has become one of the richest people in the world. He is currently working on the usage of Opanite which is supported by the governments due to the current shortages of Rasapanium and Mordenite. He supports the government in this crisis as they are the ones that fund his research, but the Lunarians like him since his developments improved their state of living.

## **Case Studies**

When first exploring the Moon, astronauts came across abundant space minerals in the caves and tunnels beneath the Moon's surface. These minerals were named Rasapanium, Mordenite, and Opanite. Such minerals were both collected and tested by modern scientists, and were found to hold chemical properties that could power cities and transportation systems. Colonies of all types use Rasapanium to power their central cities, as it is one of the only energy sources fully accessible to the colonies. Mordenite has been used for interstellar transportation from Earth to the Moon. This potent mineral is placed into the complicated structure of the star rail to withstand interstellar travel, while also keeping onboard goods safe. Finally, Opanite, the last of the lunar minerals, has yet to be used for anything Earthly or interstellar.

Lately, the supply of Rasapanium and Mordenite has been running low. The usual grounds of the Moon, where such resources were once abundant, seem to have grown barren. This, in turn, has led to an energy crisis in certain colonies; interstellar transportation to decrease significantly; and the jobs of hundreds of local miners have vanished. The lack of interstellar travel has caused a significant disconnect between the Lunarians and the people of Earth; added to the lack of available jobs for lower-class citizens, there has been abundant fuel for rebellion. Lunarian citizens, left without work and energy to power their homes, now begin to turn their back on their colonial leaders.

Scientists are looking into alternative energy sources and materials to combat such a loss of resources. One focal point of the said research has been the unused mineral Opanite. In the past year, there have been whispers throughout the scientific community that this mineral has unforeseen capabilities yet to be explored. Scientists who have previously tried to explore the uses of Opanite have gone quiet on their research just as quickly as they were to begin it; in some cases, there have even been disappearances.

To today's modern scientist, finding a replacement for essential energy sources is of the utmost importance. Whether this involves unraveling the secrets of Opanite, or discovering and developing a new resource, is a question that has yet to be answered.

### **Guiding Questions**

#### All:

1. How is your position important and contributing to whichever side you are on?
2. How could other people help or hinder your position?

#### Lunarians:

1. How can you work to completely break off of the nations on Earth without costing too many lives and resources? Does your position want a diplomatic or messy breakaway?
2. How can your position benefit from other positions of people in the colonies? Who can you work with to create the best outcome?

#### Earth Nations:

1. How can you keep the Lunarian colonies under control without causing too many casualties or too much hate? How will you react if they fight back and riot?
2. What other nations can you get close to and partner with to benefit your countries goals?

#### Scientists:

1. How will you manage to continue development without resources or contacts on Earth?

2. If you want to break off from Earth, how can you ensure the colonies can survive without the import of food or medicine? If you want to support Earth, how can you continue to fuel interstellar travel?