# University of Illinois at Chicago
## Undergraduate Student Government
### Fall 2019 – October 14th – Meeting IV

Voting Members: 7  
Quorum: 4

| Advisor(s):       | Dean DuJuan Smith  
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I. Call to Order  
II. Roll Call  
III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
V. Ex Officio Reports (3 min)  
   a. Report of the Advisor  
   b. Report of the Student Trustee  
VI. Officer Reports (3 min)  
   a. Report of the President  
   b. Report of the Vice-President  
   c. Report of the Treasurer  
   d. Report of the Speaker  
   e. Report of the Chief of Staff  
   f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair  
   g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair  
   h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair  
   i. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair  
VII. Applicant Presentations  
VIII. Old Business  
   a. Resolution 2019-F1-901  
IX. New Business  
   a. Resolution 2019-F1-800  
X. Elections  
XI. Public Comment  
XII. Items for Discussion  
XIII. Announcements  
XIV. Adjournment
Undergraduate Student Government
Meeting October 7

I. Call to Order 6:13p.m

II. Roll Call
   Present: Ajitesh Bansal, Ariej Mohammed, Daisy Stancheva, Daniela Guerrero, Kimi Pu, Marian Udoetuk, Misty Villagomez, Nada Marei
   
   Absent: Darian Mach, Mark Anderson-Marion

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
    Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
    Approved

V. Guest Speaker(s)
   Maciel Ortega – Student Newspaper
   Named-Bonfire
   Student Run and Student Focus Newspaper
   12 attendees for first meeting which took place last week
   5:00pm usg office

VI. Ex Officio Reports
    Report of the Advisor Dean Wright
    No major updates
    Dean Smith returning soon

VII. Officer Reports
    Report of the President
    Application deadline extension 1 week more
    President asks the body to promote this change by spreading the flyer

    Report of the Vice-President
    Office hours 3-5pm
    Invites Tuesday 5:00pm newspaper meeting
    Outreach Plan-Invitation to the body to be part of this project, to attend scheduled meetings and reach more organizations.

    Report of the Treasurer
    Budget proposal presented today
    Deputy treasurer application will open soon- Resume and cover letter needed
Report of the Speaker
Intern speaker nomination today
Office hours Monday 2-3pm 4-5pm
Project about internship classification in the career development and internships center
Working on building sense of community within the body
New member retreat will take place soon

VIII. Elections
Results
Chief of Staff: Ivan Cazarin
Legislative affairs: Ariej Mohamed
Student life: Marian Udoetuk
Diversity and Inclusion: Jocelyn Aranda Ortiz
Public Relations: Nada Marei

IX. Nominations
Intern Speaker-Daisy Stancheva
Secretary-Daniela Guerrero

X. Old Business
a. Resolution 2019-F1-601
   2019-2020 Budget
   Amendment 15.750 cap value for House Grant
   Amendment to remove “Newspaper” in discretionary fund
   Passed
b. Resolution 2019-F1-602
   Bylaws Amendment Compensation
   Passed
c. Resolution 2019-F1-900
   New Student Government Funding Allocation Model
   Passed
d. Resolution 2019-F1-901
   Amendment to the Bylaws
   Motion to table voting to next week
e. Resolution 2019-F1-902
   Constitutional Amendment
   Passed

XI. Items for Discussion
XII. Announcements
   Chief sponsor request plans of each committee chair
   Deadline for Agenda changes to 12pm Friday so it can be uploaded 6pm Saturday
XIII. Adjournment 8:16pm
President’s Report

Thank you all for being here. First I would like to address the statement Taylor and I put out on Friday. It was important to us to acknowledge the well-founded concern students had about the response to the online threat to campus. We have been working with UICPD to have them here to answer questions. This is important to us because when students voice concern our university leadership should listen. For anyone here to voice concern, thank you for coming. The meeting that we host every Monday are open to the student body for exactly these reasons.

I think this event rightfully brought forth both issues of mental health and communication from leadership. As I shared last week, I have been working towards inviting the counseling center and others to give a presentation on the state of on-campus mental health services. I have been developing a document that will outline the scope of the presentation we would like to receive, and questions I would like to ask. If you are interested in working more on this I will be in Argo Tea at 3pm on Tuesday. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please email uicpresident@uic.edu your thoughts. I will be working with our student life chair to do a similar process for the issue of communication.

Separately, the application deadline is this Friday, so thank you to those of you here to become members. Please turn it into the mailbox outside of the USG office by 5pm Friday.

Lastly, the office has been re-keyed but we do not all yet have access. So the cabinet will be sharing in their reports were their office hours will be this week.

Thank you
Aliemah and I released a statement concerning the threats to UIC on Wednesday, October 10. We understand and heard from many students regarding their concerns and we will be meeting with the Chief of Police this upcoming week.

The Newspaper has launched a twitter account and are in the process of writing articles for a soft launch at the end of the month. Today I will present a bill to fund their platform.

My office hours at Friday at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please reach out with any concerns.
Speaker Report Meeting 4

**Last meeting:** N/A  
**Next meeting:** N/A

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| New Member Retreat                        | Jocelyn Bravo  | • Discussed event with Cabinet during meeting on Wednesday  
• Will be reserving a room this week       | In Progress    |
| Unpaid Internships Project                | Jocelyn Bravo  | • Will be meeting with Career Services to discuss Simplicity  
• Working on making it more user friendly – paid vs. unpaid, stipend vs. wage | In Progress    |
| Cabinet Report Template                   | Jocelyn Bravo  | • Template under Other Documents  
• Similar to my own report                 | Completed      |

**Comments for the Cabinet/Advisors/Representatives:**

- Cabinet Report Template  
  - Upload PDF version to USG Offices  
    - I’ll be creating a folder for each Cabinet position tonight  
- Uploading Resolutions  
  - Title the document the name of the resolution  
  - Upload both a PDF and word version (Daisy will be amending the word version as needed)  
- Office Hours: Mondays at 2:00-3:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm  
  - 2:00-3:00pm was cancelled – makeup shift: Wednesday from 1:00-2:00pm

**Questions for the Cabinet/Advisors/Representatives:**

- N/A
I have an upcoming meeting with Tonya Cabrera and retouching bases with Vice Provost Nick Varelas, on one of our initiatives - increasing the retention rate of black students in UIC. Also, we have an event with the WLRC (that was planned over the summer) in Gender Based Violence for women of color! It’s on October 16 from 3-4:30pm at the WLRC space!
- My meeting with Spencer Long from Student Leadership and Civic Engagement to discuss voting booths has been pushed back.
- Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.
Good evening everyone,

I hope you all are doing great and had a fantastic weekend! I am very excited to be your Chairwoman for PRC for this year for the second time and I am looking forward to working with you all very soon. I am sorry, I couldn’t be here with you today for this meeting because I am currently taking an Exam. Wish me luck!! So, as I have said in my presentation in our first meeting and as you have read in my Resume and my Plan document for the year that our speaker, Jocely, have shared with you before, I have many plans and small goals to accomplish this year with you all! Our main focus will be to promote USG, get ourselves out there to everyone on Campus, design and buy Merch items to again promote USG, better our website, continue to be active on our Instagram page, do a couple of events one of them we will re-do from last year since it was successful (Beach Ball event), and lastly use Facebook to live stream our meetings. Those are just quick points for what I would like to work on this year with my committee and it will be fun!

This will be a very quick and short report, so basically just some updates on what I have worked on last week. First, I have sorted out all the pictures that I have from last year events, conference, and meetings and they are all edited and ready to go and I will start posting them one by one this week and hopefully once I get my committee established we will have a set schedule for when to post and what to post to our Instagram page to keep it active.
Second, I have started thinking about what I would like to make my deputy chair work on or handle this year and I have started drafting things about what I will ask them to email me if they are interested in this position. But, I will wait until we have our full body so everyone gets the chance to apply and ask their questions!

Lastly, I will be having my office hours this week in front of the USG office on Wednesday from 4-5 PM. If you have any questions or would like to talk about anything feel free to come in and talk! I am very friendly :) Thank you all and if you have any questions please feel free to email me or text me. And I am looking forward to being back with you guys again next week!

**Emails:**

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usgpublicrelations@uic.edu

Phone: 773-814-2621
Meeting #4

Report from the Chair of the Student Life Committee

Hello everyone! I’m very excited to be your new Chair for the Student Life Committee. I have many goals and projects in mind for the school year. My focus for my role as Chair will be to maintain and build strong communities on campus, introduce new and highlight existing resources on campus pertaining to different issues such as mental health, security, academic and emotional support, and -with the help of the legislative committee - work to get free feminine care products in all bathrooms, and help keep students engaged and feeling welcome on campus, as well as making sure students’ needs are heard and hopefully met if possible. For this upcoming week, I plan on meeting soon with the library to discuss paying for cleaning products and getting a second microwave in the library. I have some other ideas and events pending that I will discuss in my committee meetings.

My office hours are Wednesday’s from 2:30-4:30
My committee meetings will be Wednesday’s from 3:30-4:30

If anyone is interested in joining my committee, please email me at usgstudentlife@uic.edu. If my committee meetings time does not work for you, please let me know in the same email and I can try and figure a better meeting time for everyone.
Resolution 2019-S1-902

Amendment to the Bylaws
Re: Vacancies

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
First Reading: September 23rd, 2019
Second Reading/Voting: September 30th, 2019

Chief Sponsor(s): President, Aliemah Bradley and Vice President, Taylor Holmes

Co-Sponsor(s):

WHEREAS, the Bylaws do not have a clear explanation of how to fill vacancies; and

WHEREAS, for the 2019-20 school year there are 32 vacancies; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Article 7, Section 1 of the Bylaws be amended to say:

ARTICLE 7: VACANCIES
SECTION:
I. The USG shall attempt to fill any vacancies by a special election for that purpose, except when less than four weeks remain in the term of the position or when this constitution provides otherwise.
   a. A vacancy of seats in the legislative body shall occur when a position remains unfilled after an election in which that position was eligible to be filled or the member resigned or is impeached. There are 45 possible members of the Legislative Body.
      1. Vacated positions must be advertised to the student community for no less than ten school days.
      2. Word of vacated positions must be posted on all official USG social media accounts and the official USG website.
   b. Vacancies of elected positions shall be filled through Internal Elections. Internal Elections shall proceed as follows:
      1. Applicants shall submit appropriate paperwork indicating interest to the offices of the Vice President and the Speaker of the House. This paperwork shall be created and circulated to all voting members by the President before voting.
      2. Applicants shall appear before the House of Representatives at a General Body meeting at which time the House shall have the opportunity to question applicants.
3. Internal elections shall be held at the next meeting in a committee of the whole.
4. All voting members of the body shall have the right to vote.
5. A majority shall be the threshold for election
6. Members may abstain from voting
7. Upon announcement of the election results, the winner(s) shall begin their term of service immediately. Winners are to take their seat with the body for the remainder of the meeting for which they are voted in to start their term.
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1. Applicants shall submit appropriate paperwork to the offices of the Vice President and the Speaker of the House indicating interest in joining USG.
   a. The paperwork shall be created by the President, Vice President, and Speaker of the House. It shall precisely follow the given structure in the document “The Undergraduate Student Government of the Illinois at Chicago Seat Vacancy Application (Example)”.
   b. The application may be amended by a majority vote or replaced by a two-thirds vote.

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The Undergraduate Student Government of the University of Illinois at Chicago
Seat Vacancy Application (Example)

Name ___________________________________ UIC email ___________________________________
Race ____________________________________
Gender Identity and Pronouns __________________________/______________________________
College/Major ____________________________/_________________________________________
Class Standing ____________________________
Are you a transfer student? Y / N
Are you a commuter or campus housing resident? __________________________

In order to complete this application, you must attend a USG meeting and receive the signature of the Speaker of the House. The dates and locations of our meetings are on our website usg.uic.edu.

Undergraduate Student Government Meeting previously attended (Date) ________________
Signature of the Speaker of the House ________________________________

Please initial by the following statements indicating you understand our attendance policy:
“All USG House of Representative members are allowed three (3) unexcused absences. Any additional unexcused absences will result in the automatic removal from the House of Representative body. USG members shall contact the Speaker of the House at least one business day in advance as notification of anticipated absence.”
(Article 3, Section 7 of the USG constitution)

I will be available to attend USG meetings on [day and time]. __________
I will be available to attend my select weekly committee meetings. __________
If I miss more than 3 meetings, I understand I am able to be impeached. __________

Rank the following issues in order of most to least interesting to you. (1 most, __ least)

i. [issues] ________
...

Application Deadline: [month, date, year] in the [location] to the Speaker of the House.
On a separate sheet of paper, in a typed page or less, answer the following:

A. [prompt]
B. [prompt]

Come prepared to our [month, date] meeting with a 2-minute oral explanation of why serving the student body at the University of Illinois at Chicago is important to you. There will be a vote on the confirmation of all applicants at the following [day]’s meeting.
Resolution 2019-F1-800

Independent Newspaper

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
First Reading: October 14, 2019
Second Reading/Voting: October 21, 2019

Chief Sponsor(s): Vice President, Taylor Holmes

Co-Sponsor(s): Representative Misty Villagomez

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago does not currently have a student operated and focused newspaper.

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago’s students deserve reporting that holds institutions accountable and safe space to present their perspectives on issues of the day

WHEREAS, the external newspaper committee is developing content to launch a student newspaper but does not have a current media platform

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the newspaper committee uses SNOSITES as a platform for student reporting

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, USG will fund the platform for the launch of an independent student newspaper at $950 (including the Initial Set Up fee of $250 and $700 for the College Support Plan).
President,
Current President’s Name

Speaker of the House,
Current Speaker’s Name