# Undergraduate Student Government

**Spring 2018 – April 23rd, 2018 Meeting XI**

Quorum: 9 Voting Members

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**AGENDA:**

I. Call to Order

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes Assembly

III. Reading and Approval of the Agenda Assembly

IV. Reports

- Ex officio
  - Advisor of Dean of Students: Dean DuJuan Smith
  - Student Trustee of Board of Trustees: Karina Reyes
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V. Unfinished Business
   a. Resolution 2018-S11-309

VI. Items for Discussion

VII. Public Forum and Announcements

VIII. Nominations

IX. Adjournment
Call to order: 5:45
Nikia take notes on meeting
Reading and approval of the agenda @ 5:48 - 5:49
Reading and approval of minutes
Attendance is taken by Taylor

Asiel requested and was approved to do New Business before Reports

**New Business:**
- Resolution 2018-S11-309
  - Anna read the resolution
  - Cristine talked about convention on Memorial weekend -gives a change for their members to meet the other members on the national board.
  - No questions.

**Reports:**
- Dean Smith @5:54
  - He is going to hold off on the “end of the semester” speech
- Asiel
  - Oral report
  - Make sure food is available for the day of the empowerment gala
  - Activities committee will work on the backdrop for the empowerment gala
  - She has a meeting with the basketball coach tomorrow
  - Organizations that are missed out, let her know - please check box
  - If want vegetarian options reach out to her
  - Gala is taking place on May 1st at 5-7 pm in the Illinois room
  - Conformation with the lights and will add to box and have an idea for the USG gift- the UIC lights on building
  - Jocelyn asked for an excel sheet of this information
- Treasury- Ana
  - $4,000 left over in funds from USG
  - Will have a finalized amount on Asiel’s resolution
  - Will speak with catering to find what is feasible for us and the chefs
  - We have another resolution to be voted on
  - Any questions let her know.
- Taylor reads report for Senator
  - NO QUESTIONS
- Jack reads IRC Directors
  - Report filled
  - Yes, apply Illinois initiative
- Jocelyn
  - Reads report
  - No questions
  - Report filed
- Klimek’s report
  - Have all merchandise in stock
  - Brought some water bottles and notebooks
  - Let him know if you are taking a large sum of merch from the office- to replenish

**Web design- Johnny**
- Needs feedback on where pictures go
- Homepage- wants to add more
- Three main tabs and maybe should add a media tab
- And tab on the committees
- About committees tab:
  - Having 3 profiles listed
  - Hierarchy of the executive officer
  - General assembly would be added
- Contact us: feedback form and contact us information
- Resources tab: documents page- constitutions and standing rules, agenda & minutes, Org Funding, Resolutions
  - Aliemah and Ana made suggestions- change “Org funding”-to “Get Funding” and make a pdf document
- Ana will give Johnny list of updates
Things to add to the website:
  o USG Today- and what we do each semester
  o Have the calendar to the bottom of the home webpage
  o Resources- say who should they contact for each event
  o Media page on the home page
  o Dean Smith- website needs more pictures, content, and updates, and colors, that draws people in

Become a member: recruitment video, gumbo link on how to become a member

Upload a picture and bio (including committee) under box or email it to Johnny in 48 hours jfan20@uic.edu

Dean smith-everybody take 30 mins to an hour and see what other student governments websites to find great ideas on content, layout, navigation, etc.

Unfinished Business:
  o Anna added to Resolution 2018-S9- 308
    • Aliemah seconded
    • Anna reads the Resolution that is found on box
    • Voting on this resolution
    • Majority said IN FAVOR
    • PASSED
  o Resolution 2018- S9-602
    • Read by Samuel
    • Point of clarification Ana: what is asked is the 1220 to be reimbursed and then $750 for additional expenses, and like to table this resolution for updates
    • Aliemah: where is the rest of the money coming from
    • Issue: Is this reimbursement to Will, or is it to the committee, and need approval to make these purchases.
    • Motioned made by Gerado to table this resolution

Nominations
  o Next meeting
  o Emails need to go out about to give a speech on nominations
  o Paper ballot nominations and the winners are known at the end of the meeting
  o Going off the current constitution
  o No comments, questions
  o Aliemah motioned to table nominations
  o Nominations are tabled

Items for Discussion
  o Dean Smith: Is a good idea to even do nominations?
  o Maybe make a group that can work on the constitution over the summer
  o Information on all positions need to be sent to everyone for voting next week (on which positions are available)
  o All components are not described.
  o Aliemah motioned to end Items for discussion ended @7:34

Public Forum and Announcements
  o Leadership application still open until the 20th of this month, look at the group me for the application
  o Glow party
  o Information both at SCE
  o Aliemah moved to end public forms and announcements

Meeting adjourned at 7:37
President: Ghdey’s Report

Oral.

Vice President: Mohamed’s Report

It was an honor working with all of you this year. All of your hard work and commitment to Student Government has not been overlooked. I want to thank each of you for completing the semester with the org and genuinely looking out for each other as a team. I have an Orgo exam today, but wish I was in attendance. We still have one last big event before we go our separate ways.

Updates on the Empowerment Inaugural Gala:

- The booking of the room has been able to be moved to 4:00pm

**-Current Rough Schedule:*

4:00-6:30 setup
6:30-7:00 check in/ coat check and pictures
7:15-7:30 Yohana and Asiel introduction
7:30/8:00- serving of Dinner
8:15-8:25- Vice Chancellor Rex Tolliver (during Dinner)
8:25-8:30- recognition of the speech teams accomplishments
8:30- Speech Team Performance
8:40- Empowerment Video
8:50-9:05- Karina and empowerment tools
INTERMISSION 9:05-9:15
9:20-9:30 Steve McLain (Recognition of Pyromaniacs and UIC Athletics, basketball accomplishments)
9:30-10:00pm- Dean Smith and the inauguration + time capsule

- The room set up has been finalized. Currently discussing lighting and fixtures for the event with Thea from meetings and conferences.

- Decorations have been chosen through amazon. Overall look: Black linens, Glass centerpieces, white flowers, and touches of gold. Each table will be numbered with a sign holder. Sign in volunteers will be responsible for making sure everyone is seated at the right table.

- Vice Chancellor Tolliver has confirmed speaking, waiting on response from Coach McClain, and Darlene Hill may have to go out of town, so I adjusted the schedule.

- Catering will be by plate with servers. (Anna can go over details)

- Ordering of Senior Chords, Plaques, and lights tonight and tomorrow

- Speech team has 11 attendees that will be recognized individual for national accomplishments

- Waiting to hear from Karina about list of Empowerment tools winners.
Note to Karina: Vice Chancellor Tolliver suggested Jason from the ID Center make cards for the winners for the bookstore that have the value of the laptops. These cards can also have winners names.

- Still need 2 photographers to take pics for free, and a DJ or a person who is willing to play timed back tracks
- Jashaun will give update on time Capsule
- Waiting for confirmation on an officer

- Johnny Fan, Taylor, Nada, Nikia, Klevi, Anna- Responsible for set up, Food, Sign in, and coat check. (I would recommend getting outside volunteers to help work the event)
- Jashaun, Gerardo, Johnny, Patrick- Time Capsule, photos, Creative empowerment Video
- If you do not see your name listed and would like to partake in the event please join a committee
- I will be completing scripts for transitions, the final program, and a finalized RSVP list will be sent out the Friday before to you all. As of right now I have 47 RSVPs after sending some invitations this weekend

- The idea for the lights on UH has been talked over by student affairs and approved. They may not go with our exact design, but have agreed to put up lighting with some UIC logo or lettering after completion of construction on the exterior of UH. A resolution has been written and will be proposed by Anna today, discussing the allocation of remainder of USG 2017-2018 funds to go to a combined fund with student affairs for this project. In return for our contribution Vice Chancellor Tolliver has discussed a form of recognition in UH of the 2017-2018 USG.

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Good Evening All,

Last week I met with Administrative Services here’s a recap of the meeting.

Recap:
Time Capsule completely covered by Administrative Services.
It will be made from PVC about 8-10in round and 2-2.5 ft wide

May 4th 2018 is the expected date of store.

UIC News will be present, Rex Toliver will most likely speak.

Mission Statement:
As the University of Illinois at Chicago emerges as the largest university in the Chicagoland region, it is critical that we appreciate the moments we spend day in and day out on campus. Our university is rich in culture and diversity, representing students from all walks of life. For our generation the future starts now, and capturing our moment in history with a time capsule will commemorate the students of today and the graduates of tomorrow.

Additionally, the time capsule should be opened in 2045 as It will be the 70th year anniversary of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Additionally, I encourage you all to run for an open position if you are interested!
YES APPLY ILLINOIS
-- Reached out to other unvieiteis for support on facebook
-- meeting soon: Chief Booker, Dick Simpson, Dean of Students, various legislators
-- for more details, contact IRC Director William Vavrin

Monday: Table in Student Center East from 12:00 - 2:00; 1st Floor
Tuesday: Working Meeting in Henry Hall; 11:00 - 2:00; Room 106 & Table in University Hall from 1:30 - 3:00; 1st Floor
Wednesday: Free College for All Rally from 12:00 - 1:00; UIC Quad
Thursday: Mud-Stenciling from 11:00- 12:00; UIC Quad & Table in University Hall from 1:00 - 3:00; 1st Floor
Friday: Table in Student Center East from 12:00 - 2:00; 1st Floor

Human Rights Investment Statue-- Exceitve Summary of Final Report (read entire report!!!!!)

Background
The University of Illinois system currently invests in companies which profit from human rights violations. This Human Rights Investment Statue would require the university to divest from these corporations because they contradict the charitable purpose of the UI system.

Findings
- Based off the Annual Investment Inventory Report it was confirmed that the UI system does invest in corporations that profit from human rights violations.
- The United Nation recently published a list of corporations that confirm these corporations are profiting from human rights violations
- The UI system has a history of divestment from when they divested from South African companies during the apartheid.
- There are no explicit laws, university, state, or federal, that require a divest based off Human Rights Violations.
- Based off the research, the best arguments for divestment is through 4 different avenues: optics, representation, 501(3)c status, and the risk factors of securites
- **Optics**: a negative internal and external perception of the university due to the inaction of divestment and the action of continuing to investment in such corporations.
- **Representation**: lack of policies that positively affect the students, faculty, and staff the university represents; lack of consulting in the investment process.
- **501(3)c Status**: continuing to investment in these corporations contradicts and jeopardizes the charitable purpose of the university, which might affect the tax benefits the university receives.
- **Risk Factors of Securities**: there are quantitative risks that disproportionate affect the entire portfolio despite the diversification of portfolio itself.

**Connections**
University of Illinois Office of Treasury Operations
The UIC Finance Department

**Recommendations**
The Human Rights Investment Statute is a contentious subject. Although it may be grounded in strong augments, the current University of Illinois System doesn’t support systemic change as wide as this. Therefore, for the future, these are our recommendations.

-- **Start Small**: Although divesting from corporations would only cost the University in transaction fees, there is a lot of symbolic weight in investments. Starting with small changes such as a promise that the Board of Trustees will take in consideration certain human rights violations is stronger than the removal of an actual mutual funds. This provides framework for a new narrative of what it means to “divestment”.

-- **Argument Framing**: Based of passed divestment campaigns, the UI system doesn’t support its typical rhetoric. To frame the message to UIC (or the UI system as a whole), it shouldn’t target people. It should target the issue of “Human Rights”. Targeting groups of people takes away from the central argument of injustice.

-- **Student Voice**: A student campaign is need to support these changes. The Board of Trustees won’t agree to any changes unless there is actual support from students. Also, getting support from legislators also has a strong influence over the Board of Trustees, which can add meat to the overall campaign. -- **Expert Advice**: These arguments are complicated, especially the 501(3)c one, look to a lawyer or experienced faculty member for advice. They can guide the campaign or initiative in good directions.

"I will keep it short. I am not returning to USG next year even as an associate member. However, I learned a lot this year, and I am interested to see who replaces me. My number is (217) 649-9870. If you ever need advice, don't be shy and send me a text. Sincerely, William."
Sexual Assault Awareness Information Booth
- Collaborated with the Office of Access and Equity, Counseling Center, UIC Police
- Thanks Peter for buying the snacks!
- Meeting with Treasurer for reimbursements

This was a year of many firsts for all of us. I can’t wait to see what this upcoming year has in store for us.

Happy Monday everyone,

To start off my report I would like to thank the whole assembly for their participation this semester! You are all the future of USG, so it was very nice to see many of you grow and become more involved. In particular I wanted to thank my committee, especially the members who made the Friday at 3:00pm meetings.

This last week I met with my committee to take our group picture. We also sat down and discussed elections and the responsibility that comes with being a director. I have a couple committee members who will be running.

I have also spoken with the treasurer and we'll will be ordering graduation cords for all the seniors. If you are graduating either this May or in December, please let one of us know.

Going forward I will continue to work on the empowerment summit with Asiel.

Thank you,
Patrick
Resolution 2018-S11-309

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority Funding
AKDP “Aspire to Inspire” National Conference

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April 23rd, 2018

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3. Associate Members Moneal Desai, Peter Varughese

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority is intended to promote sisterhood, philanthropy, scholastic excellence and Asian-Awareness in the community while creating life-long relationships. Alpha Kappa Delta Phi has the goal to making successful leaders by assisting and challenging members to bring their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority has 13 active members of which seven members are attending the National Convention 2018 being held May 25th - 28th, 2018 in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, AKDP Aspire to Inspire 2018 National Convention will host several undergraduate and graduate chapters to conduct business strategies of the organization. Student members will provide an opportunity to develop leadership and personal skills for networking, communications, team building, and creative abilities. Student members will also receive training and organization updates, and by attending Asian-Awareness and Leadership workshops during convention, their members will be able to take what they learned to spread awareness on campus; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, has volunteered regularly in the past years to promote diversity and unity through their several fundraiser/social events like bake sales, booths for raising awareness of breast cancer, as well self-defense and microaggression workshops; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority is asking for funding of the conference registration fees of $250 each for seven members attending; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government grants Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, a reimbursement of $1,750 for the Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Aspire To Inspire 2018 National Convention.

President, 
Yohana Ghdley

Speaker of the Assembly, 
Jashaun Bowens