Undergraduate Student Government
Monday, October 8

Jocelyn called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Reading and Approval of the Agenda
Representative Bosak moved to approve agenda
President Bowens seconded
Agenda approved

President Bowens Report
- Wall Street Journal membership packet
  - $40,000
- Town hall Meetings
- Advisory Boards for Renovation
  - Looking for a member to join and attend
  - Minimum of 2 hours per semester
- Student Dining Committee
  - Looking for 3 USG members to give advice on student dining options
  - Not sure of specific hours
Yielded remaining hours to Representative John Donners
- Attended Intercollege Student Government Meeting
- Student Bill of Rights/Charter
  - Focused on our constitution and bylaws
- University of Chicago spoke about Title 9 Conference
- NIIT spoke about floor plans for disability accessibility
- DePaul spoke about banning plastic straws and open course evaluations online
- Loyola spoke about potential crime map
- Representative Donners spoke about our independent student newspapers (only member of group that does not have one)
- Wanting to build a better relationship with the Intercollegic Student Council

President Bowens asked the members to reach out if they want to be apart of the group

Presidents Report has been filed

No Advisors Report

Vice President Derosiers Report
- Event on Friday with the Political Science Department
  - 5 students needed to help volunteer

Representative Bradley asked if we should email
Representative Mohamed ask where it is taking places
Vice President Report has been filed

Representative Varughese read the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Treasurer Johannesson
Refer to Agenda for Report

Treasurer’s Report has been filed

The Speaker of the House referred to budget in the back of the Agenda packet for reference of members

Speaker Bravo’s Report
Refer to the Agenda for Report
The Speaker noted that Members/Student of the Organization are to make an account on Box before being able to log in to the USG box

Representatives Bradley asked for a Point of Clarification: Is it okay if I have been telling people that they can be in two committees however you should have one committee. Is that okay? President Bowens responded by saying that you should committee to one.

Representative Aglikin asked if there will be a Sustainability Committee? President Bowens said it has been consolidated into the Student Life Committee
Speaker Bravo said she will be sending out descriptions of the committees tonight.

Representative Bosak asked if the new constitution will reflect the new committees President Bowens responded with yes, noting he will send the new constitution out now.

Public Relations Committee Report
Chair Marei asked if they are any interested members please let her know.
P R C Report Filed

Legislative Affairs Committee Report
Chair Bradley asked if they are any individuals who are interested ask her after the meeting or email her.
L A C Report filed

Items for Discussion
USG Operating Budget 2018-2019 presented by Speaker Bravo

General Fee Allocation goes toward things that happen each year. (i.e. holiday dinners, decoration, promotional items and office supplies

Service Awards and USG Student Workers are for Exec Board stipends
Discretionary Funds are funds that E-Board members have to spend on initiatives they would like to sponsor.

President Bowens noted that Student Org External Funding is for organizations that wanted to funded in the year and not reimbursed.

Sustainability account is not money that USG gets back. That money rolls over to the school

Dean Smith noted that we cannot blow the reserve money on end of the year big event

Chair Bradley noted that the budgets for committees are for programming in committees

Speaker Bravo noted how Former Chair Varvin used his discretionary funds on the Yes Apply Illinois campaign

Speaker Bravo moved to the next topic of attendance
  • Members are not allowed more than 4 consecutive excused absences

Representative Haque asked what was meant by 4 consecutive excused absences
Speaker Bravo answered noting that you can have a class during this time.
Dean Smith does not want a pattern to emerge from constantly missing meetings

Representative Bosak asked if that meant they were no associate members under the new constitution
President Bowens answered that no because there is no associate members because there was no difference between associate members and non-members with no ability for resume building. He asked that we look over the new constitution and by-laws because we want to have a common vision and unification of the USG and this is an opportunity to improve on that.

Representative Bosak added that she saw room for associate members and the outlines for their membership. Notes that it will be up for discussion.

Chair Bradley added that we are trying to improve on the seriousness of the organization

Representative Bosak asked about whether or not we will be voting on the constitution next week or is there time for members to voice concerns

President Bowens said he would do so within an executive order.

Dean Smith questioned the procedures/mechanisms of the this process and room for debate

Speaker Bravo noted her experiences as a freshman. She explained the difference the Constitution and the By-Laws. By-laws should be changed in administrations.
Chair Bradley noted that she thinks that we should have a mobile/online way for members to voice concerns with the constitution because dragging it out through weeks prolongs the time before new members are able to do work

President Bowens suggested that members come to the office on Friday after the national student issues convention to voice opinions after.

Representative Haque added that it seems more realistic to create a google doc that members have a certain time to look at it to move forward

Representative Stancheva asked if we are suppose to have discussion.

Chair Bradley answered yes, it’s a matter of where that happens

Representative Murtidjaja asked a question pertaining to the constitution

Speaker Bravo answered noting that we will have discussion next week

Representative Donners asked why we don’t use slack

President Bowens asked if everyone had asked to slack

Dean Smith noted that a lot of government activity happens outside of the meetings. Encouraging that members, especially those on the e-board, get numbers of members

Speaker Bravo noted that contact information is in Box

Point of Clarification by Chair Bradley e-mail that is sent tonight will clarify how we will go about the discussion

Speaker Bravo also noted that this is a business casual environment and that sneakers are not excepted

President Bowens asked what we want to encompass in town halls

Representative Bosak suggested that we schedule the times of the town halls during the Chancellors office hours

Representative Donners suggested that town hall issues should be tailored to school issues

Representative Stancheva agreed with Representative Donners and suggested we have designated times for national issues
Representative Tavares suggested like other universities we have discussions on how national issues relate to the university

Representative Odueyungbo suggested that we have space for school base issues and the future of UIC

Representative Choi added agreed with Representative Odueyungbo

Representative Udestuk added we should have space for national issues

Representative Anderson said we should speak about local issues

Representative Aranda-Ortiz says that national issues are important and have speakers but town halls for issues involving students

Chair Bradley says that this is an opportunity for students to voice their opinions on how admin can improve the life of students

Dean Smith added that we should focus on concerns and remember that we are a bipartisan organization. You cannot control what someone articulates at town hall meetings

Representative Mohammed asked what exactly happens at a town hall meeting. Who is there? What happens?

Dean Smith answered that the structure will be determined by the body. We can have same meeting on different parts of campus at the same time. It is an opportunity for student to express their opinions. It can be as organized as a panel and speaker or questions or individual small groups.

Chair Bradley asked that we take it in a direction of student concerns in a all encompassing sense

Representative Donners asked if there will be meeting about townhall structures?

President Bowens said he wants Graduate student Council to be apart so he will work to find out their availability

Representative Udoetuk noted that we need to move forward on nonsmoking areas or discipline

Dean Smith said we cannot have smoke designated areas because it is state law to do so. Contact UIC non-emergency number to reach out and voice concern

Representative Stancheva start campaign to inform students and make it okay to call police
Chair Bradley stated that we should take an alternative approach to calling the police

Representative Anderson noted that tickets don’t stop students from smoking.

Representative McNamara stated we should have forgiveness and that it ask for too much time and resources to ask tickets and find other deterrents like cancer.

Representative Mohammed asked for civilian ask to stop others from smoking.

Representative Bosak says no one is saying call the cops but this is state law.

Representative Donners added that we should talk to fellow students and make change through social pressure.

Johnny Fan introduced himself as the web master. Informing that we redid the website moving it to red.

EK introduced himself as the graphic designer and what he has done in the past.

Speaker Bravo added that the packet of logos in the office is EK’s work

Representative Odueyungbo him to present the website.

Chair Bradley noted that we should be prepared to take headshots.

Representative Aglikin asked if there is a chair for Student Life.

Speaker Bravo said no, it will be appointed by the President after passing the constitution.

Dean Smith added that there are consequences to smoking.

Representative Luke Haddad suggested we get smokers to encourage each other to go to a certain spot.

Representative Mohamed asked for the disciplinary actions.

Dean Smith said 2 warnings, then fine and disciplinary action but different in campus housing.

Chair Bradley said we should get creative with solutions.

Representative Mohammed said she had stopped people from smoking.

Representative Udoetuk said she thinks it is weird to stop people.
Representative Varughese said he wrote report on stopping people from smoking

Representative Patel added that we should all participate in stopping people from smoking on campus.

Speaker Bravo asked if there was any further business.

Speaker Bravo adjourned meeting at 7:32 p.m.