March 4, 2019

Call to Order- 6:23
Roll Call

Reading and Approval of the Minutes
Motion to approve
Seconded by

Reading and Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve Bradley
Seconded by Daisy Stanceva
Motion to remove Rex Tolliver from speaker by Bowens
Seconded: Jocelyn Aranda-Ortiz

Ex-Officio Reports
   a. Report of the Advisor- Packets for election were due March 1 and office will be sending out confirmations by the end of the week. DOS just offered two attorney’s (immigration and undocumented services). Student Legal services are apart of the student fees and are free to students. Can use legal services (excluding felony’s and university suit)
   Question from Daisy Stancheva- do representatives still have to be voted in?
   Dean Smith- Yes, you must be on the ballot and at least get a vote
   Question from Gerardo- Regarding the attorneys, where will they be?
   Dean Smith- They will be housed in Dean of Students, have office hours and advertise appointments on campus
   Follow up question from Gerardo- Are the attorney’s allowed to help out with simple legal issues?
   Dean Smith- We want their focus to be on the specialized issues and general questions can be referred to general attorney
   b. Report of the Student Trustee- He is a graduate student and previously had class during this time. The majority of students at this university are commuters and work. Bowens and Newsome are working towards bringing jobs to campus. Also sitting on Chancellor’s task force for mental health.
   Question from Koertgen- Was exactly does the committee do?
   Newsome- Expanding the services, including to the West Campus
   Follow up- Who is on the committee? Counselors?
   Newsome- Leadership from both campuses, and conducting research
   Follow up- Any undergraduate students?
   Newsome- No
   Question from Bradley- Could you send me who is on the committee? Understanding Why?
   Newsome- Yes, I will let you know

Guest Speaker(s)
   a. Vice Chancellor- Rex Tolliver- removed
b. **Claudia de Bruyn** - President of Roosevelt Institute, working on mental health policy, 19% increase in demand from 2013, 16 counselors in the counseling center, we need 14 more counselors to match the recommended student-counselor ratio, 14 to 21 days in wait times and not a guarantee a therapy session. Policy Proposal is to increase the budget and increase the student services fee (calling for an 8 to 16 dollar increase in fee). Ultimately embed each counselor within each college. Want to normalize a health seeking behavior. Want students to take mental health survey? Before entering the school. Developing a coalition of student groups to advocate for this initiative. Have a survey, want 300 responses. Increase the fee. Develop a campaign to share stories. Meeting with Provost.

Question from Donners- Do you see the same counselor consecutively?
Bruyn- After the initial session you would be able to see the doctor who best fits your needs

Question from treasurer- Have you considered virtual options?
Bruyn- no, warn against hotlines. Want to advocate for prevention not moment of

Question from Jake- Is there any possibility of expanding the hours for the counseling center
Bruyn- Not right now, will inquire

Question from Crystal- How does the survey work and how can we get more people to respond to it
Bruyn- 500 is our goal, targeting undergraduates on east campus. If you have recommendations we are open

Question from Ritu- what is the dollar amount for the fee
Bruyn- 8 dollar increase is 100, 16 would be 116

Comment in Luke Haddad- Counselors in Cultural Centers

Question from Jake- Where would the increase in budget come from?
Bruyn- no

Question from Eric- How much of an increase to meet the recommendation
Bruyn- 8 dollars is 3 counselors, 16 is 5 counselors

3. **Kevin Cao** - Roosevelt Institute. Contract Negotiations of our United Faculty of UIC. How does an institution die? Funding, Capacity, Students, Faculty. When Faculty is pressured financially and not a beaken for growth, the faculty will not sustain itself. Lack of competitive salaries for tenured and non tenured professors, blackboard claiming rights of teacher’s work, block busting union legal firm, our working conditions are your working conditions. Trying to build a coalition and petition to stand behind UF. Meeting tomorrow at CUPPA at 5. Although it is the faculty negotiating with the University, students still have a stake in this. Want USG and Roosevelt collaboration?

Question from Newsome- How likely is it that Faculty will strike?
Cao- not usually publically talked about

Question form Stancheva- How can we get student support to avoid strike?
Cao- Yes, if pressuring university

Question from- Do you have a pay scale?
Cao- Have comparable pricing from other universities

Question from Ritu- This is a public institution, Will students price have to change/raise to accommodate?
Cao- There are other factors like University Redundancy and “wasteful” spending on master plan. Quality teachers should be considered infrastructure.

Question from Tavares- Will there be a raise in tuition?
Cao- Will not effect

Comment from Aranda-Ortiz- 7% of budget goes to faculty

Question from Luke Haddad- how much student support do you need?
Cao- Goal of 100 signatures

Question from Donners- How much less do we pay our professors compared to other institutions (i.e. UChicago)?
Cao- Within the negotiation contract, comparative salaries are “crazy” lecturers and adjuncts are lower than comparable schools, hiring more part time professors to lower cost

Question from Jake-What is your hard ask for students on campus?
Cao- Create a partnership for students to analyze budget, giving more students power and ability to negotiate, develop a student letter of support for UF

Question from Donners- Have you all connected with the student senate?
Cao- Union is it’s own entity and the Senate is as well. They, for the most part, must keep those entities separate

Question from Bradley- When is the petition finalized?
Cao- Goal is tomorrow

Question from Tavares- For Dean Smith, Can we align ourselves with political matters?
Dean Smith- Individual members can support, must ask the body formally.

Officer Reports

a. Report of the President-

Congratualte Bruna on receiving her endowment scholarship. Thank you to Jocelyn for organizing the the social. Aliemah and Jashawn set up a table on Saturday for perspective meetings. Meeting with overseers with Center for Student Involvement- had conversation about functionality of institution and transparency. USG has a survey with students on campus and their involvement/opinions with CSI. Goal is make the relationship of CSI and students better.

b. Report of the Vice-President- Temi- Update from Zoey on mental health survey. Will be working on Legacy Gala. Willing to meet with candidates

c. Treasurer- Introducing resolutions for Alpha Phi Alpha to fund their trip. Connected with MSA to inquire about funding for upcoming event. Amara Enyia accepted request for Energy Conference. Also introducing Spring Budget. Meeting times are Wednesday at 5 pm

d. Speaker- Thank you for those who helped and attended the social. Next social is next Friday. Please use speaker email. One-on-One meetings this week to go over resolutions and Robert’s Rules.

e. Chief of the Staff- Meeting with CSI was good. Starting conversation about transparency and efficiency. Got a look at the internal working of the organization. We will be able to do some exciting things. Has ongoing projects- Constitution, CSI and committees. If you need help or a resource about anything, let him know.
f. **Diversity and Inclusion**- Had a good committee meeting on Thursday. Steve is going to create a network with Greek Life and Cultural Orgs at UIC. The more hands will move faster. Investment event- career services and professional development. Extend commuter center hours to 7 pm everyday.

Question with Dailya- Meeting with Cynthia Rosales?
Haddad- Happened last week
Question about collaboration- What is it?
Haddad- Like a “group chat” but more formal

**Legislative Affairs**- Committee meeting this week was productive. Pushing menstrual hygiene products on campus, times for swiping in the diner, dietary restrictions in campus, Lobby Day training, Investigation into Title IX policy

Question from Jake- How will be USG be working with OGR?
Bradley- Will increase communication

**Public Relations**- Please stick around until the end of the meeting for a group picture. Can grab gear from office this week.

**Student Life**- Thank new members who came to last meeting. Marian has created a transportation and travel guide to understand the university and Chicago set up. Before the final stages will make the flyer available. Made sub-committee for housing, if interested let Tolu know. IF you cannot make a committee meeting let Tolu know.

Introducing resolutions for renewable energy.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2019-S5-603**
Read by Treasurer. Spring Budget Resolution.
Representative Tavares motion to change wording from “executive board” to “executive cabinet”

Question form Donners- What is the lobby day funding?
Treasurer- Bussing
Question from Ariej- What is lobby day
Bradley- a partnership

Representative Daisy- What are discretionary funds for?
Treasurer- Discretionary funds for committees, it is something within the committee
Representative Ritu- should we mark discretionary funds with “dash”

Chief of staff- the funding left at the end of the semester rolls over, keep your chair accountable, send the discretionary fund
Representative Jake- Where does the money you don’t spend go?
Haque- Budget does not roll over.

Bowens- This is half the budget. General funding is holiday party, meeting food, dean of students worker, last semester we got rid of printer, if funds for gala don’t get met the funds roll over into the sustainability account

Question from Steve- where is the budget for town hall?
Treasurer- Covers taxes and things that we do not see, funds can be reallocated the sustainability fund

Question from Ariej- did last semesters budget roll over into this semester?
Treasurer- yes
Question from Marian- What is the UIC Climate Change and Energy Conference?
Treasurer- Conference sponsored by Jack. Speaking about sustainability and climate at UIC.
Question from Ariej- $4000 for external orgs, cover Alpha Phi Alpha?
Treasurer- That would come out of that budget

b. Resolution 2019- S5-602-
Read by Treasurer. Funding for Alpha Phi Alpha
Question from Donners- I thought the cost was lower. Why did the org price go up?
Treasurer- Spent several committee meetings to discuss which option we would be willing to provide funding for. After evaluation we thought they would not be able to attend event if we only funded the bus
Question from Murtidjaja- This org has already attended another conference. Should this money be allocated towards other orgs who have not had a chance to attend a conference? Are there lower options?
Treasurer- The former events should not be weighed in the decision process. And this is the best option for lodging (low and close).
Comment from Steve- This is 1400 dollars for 6 members of a 15 member org
Comment from Jocelyn Aranda-Ortiz- should post on social media in exchange for funding
Question from Murtidjaja- Alpha Kappa Psi- came to meeting last semester why can’t Alpha Phi Alpha?
Treasurer- They have a meeting right now, Willing to come next week
Question from Donners- How many orgs come to USG in each semester?
Dean Smith- It varies year to year, role of treasurer and committee is for vetting that is consistent with budget, be cautious around not spending money and then having too much left.
Take lead from treasurer. Investigate this organization
Comment from Steve- A lot of organizations come for funding but do not come in a timely manner. This org came two months before event
Chief of Staff- There is a provision in the resolution to spend money from the sustainability account. The body has that ability.
Treasurer- last semester only spent 2300-2400 to fund organization
Question for Tavares- how are they paying for this conference?
Treasurer- they are paying out of pocket
Motion to extend time by Raza
Seconded by body
Extend time by 5 minutes
Question from Ariej- How much was the total trip?
Treasurer- $2,500
Marian motioned to amend the resolution to say, “Alpha phi Alpha” to “Alpha phi Alpha’s”
Comment from Murtidjaja – will have promotional video to use to reach out to other organizations
Bradley moved to end discussion
Seconded by body
c. Resolution 2019-S5-500-
Speaker Jack Nannie. Goal to get universities to comment to using 100% renewable energy. UIC is perfect because it is in a time of transition with master plan. It is also cheaper to be renewable in Chicago than in other plans. This is a resolution to support the Board in moving UIC to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

Question from Daisy- Can this happen by 2050? Nannie- Is not feasible to ask the university to build its own facilities for renewable energy. Ask the university to buy credit from energy providers

Question from Kyla- Is it more expensive? Nannie- Will be more affordable

Question from Steve Choi- What is the meaning? Tolu- Voice of Student Body to support

Question from Tavares- Who else are you asking? Nannie- ASC, RHA and other orgs, just want your support

Question from Donners- How much will it cost upfront? Nannie- can acquire this information and send it to USG

Question from Jake- No call to action? Nannie- Just saying you support action

Question from Jack- How are you working within current boundaries Nannie- UIC has already committed to be carbon neutral. And we want the university to work towards this resolution

Question from Tavares- Is this political Dean Smith- This is similar to last year. This is also just a support measure with no action Bowens moved to end discussion Seconded by body

**Resolution is read by Tolu**

**Items for Discussion**

- **Representative Percentage System- Activity Log**
  
  Question from Murtidjaja- How do we schedule a meeting with you and Dean Smith
  Murtidjaja- Doddle poll and Email Dean Smith

**Announcements**

- **Social (March 15th)**- In Fort Dearborn, 5-7, include RSVP form in ReCap tonight, RSVP by Thursday

**Point of Information**- If you cannot attend do you still fill out a form? Bravo- yes, you still get a point

- **President Bowens- Speak Up in Meetings**
- **Dean Smith- Effectively communicate**
- **Raza- Communicate in committees, and talk to other representatives**
- **Donners- Need a committee for video and gala**
- **Gerardo Nava- Org application deadline is next April. PSSU is open to getting more people to join and help organize**
Adjournment- 8:20 pm