I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

V. Guest Speaker(s)
   a. Osman Manzoor, MSA Co-president
   b. Antonio Gonzalez, Alpha Phi Alpha President

VI. Ex Officio Reports
   a. Report of the Advisor
   b. Report of the Student Trustee

VII. Officer Reports
   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 Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion
   g. Report of the Chairman of Legislative Affairs
   h. Report of the Chairman of Public Relations
   i. Report of the Chairman of Student Life

VIII. New Business
   a. Resolution 2019-S5-603
   b. Resolution 2019-S6-604
   c. Resolution 2019-S5-500
   d. Resolution 2019-S5-602
   e. Resolution 2019-S7-400

IX. Items for Discussion
   a. Percentage System – Activity Log
   b. Speaker/Dean Smith Meeting

X. Announcements
   a. Social (March 15th)

XI. Adjournment
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 recomendations 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

c. 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-

Congratulations Bruna on receiving her endowment scholarship. Thank you to Jocelyn for organizing the the social. Allemah 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

g. 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

h. Public Relations-

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

a. **Resolution 2019-SS-603**

Read by Treasurer. Spring Budget Resolution.

Representative Tavares motion to change wording from “executive board” to “executive cabinet”

Question from 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-SS-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 consistant 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 2019-55-500-

Speaker Jack Nannie. Goal to get universities to comment to using 100% renewable energy. UIC is perfect because it is in a time of transtition 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

a. 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

a. 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

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

Adjournment- 8:20 pm
Resolution 2019-S5-603

USG Budget Spring 2019

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 4, 2019

Chief Sponsor:
1. Treasurer, John Johannesson

Supporting Sponsor:
1. President, Jashaun Bowens
2. Vice President, Frederique Desrosiers
3. Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion, Mark Haddad
4. Chairman of Legislative Affairs, Aliemah Bradley
5. Chairman of Student Life, Tolu Odueyungbo
6. Steve Choi
7. Mai Anh Tran
8. Mark Anderson-Marion

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Student Government has achieved a great deal in 2018-2019 including successful sponsorship of other organizations, participation in enlightening events, implementation of infrastructure (skateboard racks), obtaining an apparel sponsorship through our athletic department, introducing over 30 new members and increasing the overall quality and reputation of our organization on campus.

WHEREAS, Asterisks in the budget mean that in the event that those items end up costing less than that amount, that we can reallocate the leftover amount.

WHEREAS, Though The Undergraduate Student Government has done a lot to be proud of, there is still work to be done in order to achieve our goals for this year.

WHEREAS, After carefully analyzing our current financial situation, our Treasury Committee and Executive Board collaborated to make the USG budget for Spring 2019.

WHEREAS, This budget will put USG in the best possible position to accomplish everything we are setting out to do and more this semester.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, That this will be the budget for The Undergraduate Student Government at The University of Illinois at Chicago for Spring 2019.

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President,
Jashaun Bowens

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Speaker of the House,
Jocelyn Bravo
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Resolution 2019-S6-604

Muslim Student Association dinner

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
3.11.19

Chief Sponsor: Treasurer, John Johannesson

WHEREAS, The Muslim Student Association wishes to receive funding from the UIC Undergraduate Student Government in order to alleviate the costs of its Discover Islam dinner on March 13th.

WHEREAS, The Muslim Student Association is one of the biggest organizations at UIC with over 1,000 members. The Discover Islam Dinner has an expected attendance of 450 and will feature former NBA and activist Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf.

WHEREAS, This dinner is a part of MSA’s Discover Islam week, which has daily events that are open to all UIC students.

WHEREAS, MSA has a food exemption in which they get catering from an external source at a reduced cost & that company also accepts receivables up to 30 days from MSA.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government of The University of Illinois at Chicago will fund catering costs totaling $2,000 for 450 people.

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President, Speaker of the House,
Jashaun Bowens Jocelyn Bravo

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Resolution 2019-S5-602

Alpha Phi Alpha Regional Convention Toronto

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 4, 2019

Chief Sponsor:
1. Treasurer, John Johannesson

Supporting Sponsor:
1. Steve Choi
2. Mai Anh Tran
3. Peter Varughese
4. Mark Marion-Anderson

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha wishes to receive funding from the UIC Undergraduate Student Government in order to alleviate the costs of its student members attending their regional convention in Toronto Canada on April 10th-14th.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha regional convention is Alpha Phi Alpha’ premier learning and leadership conference.

WHEREAS, Not only does this enhance the leadership qualities of its student members but The University of Illinois at Chicago benefits from this type of leadership through its promotion of philanthropy, diversity, and uplift of the campus community spirits with civic engagement.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has taken a philanthropic initiative to support Drea Kelly’s domestic violence campaign, sharing the raw and uncut story of her experiences while married to the famed R&B singer R. Kelly. Through this program, Alpha Phi Alpha succeeded in their mission to reduce some of the stigma that surrounds individuals discussing mental and interpersonal health.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has been an active organization not only for its brothers but for the UIC students as well, hosting a multitude of different events professional, social and service based that have been open to all students.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government of The University of Illinois at Chicago will fund lodging costs totaling $1,476.36.

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President, Speaker of the House,
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Resolution 2019-S5-500

100% Renewable Energy

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 4, 2019

Chief Sponsors:
1. Chairwoman of the Student Life Committee, Tolu Odueyungbo
2. Illinois PIRG (Jackson Nannie and Hadley Tuthill)

Supporting Sponsors
1. President Jashaun Bowens

WHEREAS, Illinois PIRG (Illinois Public Interest Research Group), a non-profit organization is working on getting UIC and the U of I system to commit to using 100% renewable energy by the year 2050.

WHEREAS, UIC has previously committed to becoming a Carbon Neutral campus and although this is good, carbon neutrality still leads to the use of fossil fuels which is damaging to the environment.

WHEREAS, by UIC and the Undergraduate Student Government committing to 100% renewable energy, we would prevent further damage to the environment by 2050, providing good research opportunities to the university, attracting more students to the campus by focusing on renewable energy, develop new ideas, and propel UIC as an innovative leader in sustainable/renewable energy efforts and fighting against climate change.

WHEREAS, Illinois PIRG plans on working with UIC and the Undergraduate Student Government as support by providing Renewable Energy 101 courses and guides as needed, and getting UIC commitment to 100% renewable energy.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, UIC with the help of Illinois PIRG and the Undergraduate Student Government commit to working on 100% renewable energy by the year 2050.

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