University of Illinois at Chicago
Undergraduate Student Government
Spring 2019 – March 18th – Meeting VII
Quorum: 42 Voting Members

Advisor: Dean DuJuan Smith

Executive:
Student Trustee: Darius Newsome
President: Jashaun Bowens
Vice-President: Frederique Desrosiers
Treasurer: Jack Johannesson
Chief of Staff: Raza Haque
Chairs:
- Alliemah Bradley
- Mark Haddad
- Nada Marei
- Tolu Odveyungbo

Legislative:
Speaker: Jocelyn Bravo
Secretary: Taylor Holmes
House:
- John Donners
- Julio Hernandez
- Karen Susan John
- Kenza Boukrim
- Kevin Herrera
- Peter Varughese
- Kimi Pu
- Klevi Hazizi
- Robyn Schulman
- Daisy Stancheva
- Daniela Guerrero
- Eric Zaba
- Irin Choi
- Jake Koertgen
- Jessica Gosong
- Jocelyn Aranda-Ortiz

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- Dean DuJuan Smith

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. Chancellor, Michael A. Amiridis
   b. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Rex Tolliver
   c. Vice President of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Nikki Panganiban
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-S8-605
   b. Resolution 2019-S8-701
   c. Resolution 2019-S8-801
   d. Resolution 2019-S8-300
IX. Items for Discussion
   a. Resolution 2019-S7-400
X. Announcements
   a. Movie Night
XI. Adjournment
March 11, 2019

Call to Order- 6:09

Roll Call

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve by Speaker

Seconded by

Reading and Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve Bradley

Seconded by

Move to add guest speaker Manzoor to after reports by Jashaun

Seconded

Motion to add 15 minute recess after guest speakers by Treasurer

Seconded

Guest Speakers

a. Osman Manzoor, MSA Co-president
b. Antonio Gonzalez, Alpha Phi Alpha President- Treasurer of Alpha Phi Alpha and President of NPHC. In order for chapter to remain in good standing chapters are required to go to conferences. Requesting funding for regional conference. Advocates for social justice and political activism. UIC benefits through philanthropy and civic engagement. Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored domestic violence conversations on campus last semester. Were able to get the male demographic to address these issues not only in the community but within themselves. Have worked with the Women’s Leadership and Resource Center, CAN and other orgs. Six members would benefit from this funding. Requesting funds for lodging expenses. Initial estimate was $1400 and cost has been reduced to a little about $1000 according to price lines. Did not look into Airbnb’s because of distance, shuttle and compliance with quiet hours (starting at 10pm)

Recess at 6:25

Ex-Officio Reports

a. President- Interviewed candidates for center for teaching excellence. UIC Global Event was good. We want to host an event that helps design their resume and improve on their networking skills for USG. If you have questions for the chancellor and the Vice Chancellor prepare questions, and send to Jashaun.
b. Vice-President- Attended a welcoming and modern spaces committee, it is apart of the UIC campus plan. If you have questions, concerns or would like to attend email her. Will be introducing resolution next week to talk about the message from Claudia last week. Going to establish a sub-committee for the gala, let her know if you want to be apart.
c. Treasurer- Committee meetings are Wednesday at 5. If you are interested in working on climate change event let him know
d. Speaker- If you go to an outside event with president or vice president or for school take picture for points. Meetings with Dean Smith are required for all members
e. Chief of Staff
f. Diversity and Inclusion- Luke Haddad- We changed investment event to a mental health event. Mental Health event is April 4. Open Mic is April 11.

g. Legislative Affairs- Student Leadership and Civic Engagement wants to partner with USG to table before spring break to register students and hand out non-partisan voter guide. If you want to go to smaller lobby day let her know. Attended Roosevelt Meeting.

h. Public Relations- John Donners- Working on resolution to be mentioned today, improving presence in office, guidelines for board and create structure to use office hours. Kevin designed two layouts for board outside of office. Collaboration between Diversity and Inclusion for Open Mic. Going to have Director of the month for the next few months.

i. Student Life- Transportation brochure will collaborate with Orientation.

New Business

a. Resolution 2019-SS-603- Read by Jack

Jack- a lot of people had a hand in creating this document

McNamara- Sustainability account is low

Stancheva- What has the webmaster done? What is the deadline

Bowens- May not be spent, most likely will go into the sustainability account

Moved to vote- passed

b. Resolution 2019-SS-604- Read by Jack

Guest Speaker from MSA- Discover Islam Week exist for everyone to feel included in our orgs and get members to be more active. Theme is Identity. Ask for request for food spending. Have worked with the caterer to bring the cost of the dinner down

Koertgen- supports this event, always packed and is affordable

Donners- open to advertising that USG helped fund the event? Yes

President Bowens moved to make this an executive order. Seconded by the body

Moved to amend he number in the resolution from 1000 to 766.-passed

Moved to amend “former NBA and activist” to “former NBA player and activist” –passed

Moved to vote- passed

c. Resolution 2019-SS-500- Read by Jack

Frederique spoke in favor- attended event. Would be nice to support black greek org

Ariej- will cost be lowered? It will not exceed

Parikh- his speech moved me to be in favor because of their previous events

Moved to vote- abstain- ariej, guerterez, zaba Hernandez and Arshad

d. Resolution 2019-SS-602- Read by Tolu

Udoetuk- will USG by starting initiatives or are we just showing support? This is just to show support but we could sponsor initiatives.

Koertgen- lacks substance and needs more depth

Bradley- What will you do to progress sustainable energy? Not a priority at this time

Jack- this supports conference

McNamara- this feels to gradual, 2050 is too late, would like to see it be 2030

Donners- this feels ceremonial, as a body we should focus on tangible results, moving forward we should have a much more hands on role within it, we want to make sure whatever gets passed will benefit the student body

Tolu- Motion to amend “chief sponsor-UIC IMPACT” and where “IL PIRG”
Motion to omit sentence “we would prevent further damage to the environment by 100%”

Motion to vote- Yea 21 N-1 A-6

e. Resolution 2019-S7-400- Read by Rep.Donners

Steve- How will this be enforced?

Donners- Trial, “ease people into it”, not force people into it

Bradley- Will have to force people into it? Need to brainstorm

Tolu- What do you plan on doing to change office besides putting people at front desk?

Herrera- will be more decorative and will re-do board

Donners- flag will also be at the front of the desk

Arshad- Spread sheet sent out each week, assigned a small number of hours to each member

Taylor- will this be the proper approach for busy students

Donners- will be generally very flexible,

Steve- this resolution may be redundant,

Bradley- If this is name recognition we should incentivize students to be involved on campus, this resolution says there has to be a penal system for office hours

Hernandez- Resolution mandates, we need to encourage students to be there doing free time, instead of having it in writing

Tolu- office hours front desk is good idea in theory, branding and office hours do not seem to be a part of this resolution, don’t seem to be conjoined

Donners- should not be heavily regulated

Misty- Have facts sheets under the desk for front desk questions

Marian- resolution is broad, making a resolution to have people at front desk seems to be too much, not needing a resolution

Crystal- should not be able to sit at front desk if you miss meetings

Bradley- Our office does not have foot traffic, to bring attention USG we should go about other ways

Steve- need to gain overall recognition

Parikh- If we were to do an office hours style system what do you propose that to be?

Moved to end discussion- Seconded by body

Items for Discussion

a. Percentage System- Activity Log
b. Speaker/Dean Smith Meeting

Announcements

a. Social (March 15th)
b. Dance Event on Thursday – 7:30 pm at Illinois Room
c. Time Tickets for registration

Adjournment- 8:04
Resolution 2019-S8-605

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Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority
National Convention in Baltimore, MD.

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The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
3.18.19

Chief Sponsor: Treasurer, John Johannesson
Supporting Sponsor: Steve Choi, Mai Anh Tran, Peter Varughese, Mark Anderson.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi wishes to receive funding from the UIC Undergraduate Student Government in order to alleviate the costs of its student members attending their national convention in Baltimore, MD. May 24-May 27.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi is a sorority that brings a lot to UIC including Asian Awareness, Scholastic Excellence, Service, and Leadership.

WHEREAS, AKDP is exploring alternate funding from SOFAB as well as the Asian American Cultural Resource Center.

WHEREAS, AKDP is not eligible for SAFC funding.

WHEREAS, Attending this conference that not only focuses on leadership-building and Asian-Awareness, but also on topics such as public relations, conflict resolution, risk management, fundraising possibilities, and more, will help our organization bring these ideas onto campus. AKDP sisters will bring back stronger leadership and professional skills that can be used towards other clubs, organizations, and activities at UIC.

WHEREAS, The AKDP national board provides opportunities at this convention that we do not receive elsewhere by offering internships, scholarships, and shadowing for leadership positions.

WHEREAS, AKDP is seeking funding from USG to cover registration costs for this event. The registration however, contains 3 night hotel accommodation, Saturday & Sunday lunch, a banquet, a tee shirt & more. AKDP originally asked for 9 sisters to attend, totaling $2250.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government of The University of Illinois at Chicago will fund registration costs of $250 each for 3 AKDP sisters to attend their national convention in Baltimore, totaling $750.

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President, Speaker of the Assembly,
Jashaun Bowens Jocelyn Bravo

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Resolution 2019-S8-701

USG Representative Percentage System

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 18, 2019

Chief Sponsor (s): Speaker Jocelyn Bravo

Co-Sponsor(s): Interim Speaker Daisy Stancheva, Representative Angie Sianturi, Representative Crystal Turner, Representative Karen Susan John, Representative Kenza Boukrim, Representative Kevin Herrera, Representative Kimi Pu, and Representative Maria Haque

WHEREAS, the USG Representative Percentage System has ensured that all USG Representatives are provided with the ability to network with important members of the UIC community, an opportunity to be active and involved in the organization and the tools to obtain leadership, planning, organizational and teamwork skills; and

WHEREAS, a large majority of the Representatives are actively participating in USG and committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, it has been challenging to define what constitutes as an “outside event/volunteer event”; and

WHEREAS, Representatives can complete tasks in a timely manner without being incentivized through points; and

WHEREAS, activities that can be completed to make up for lost points should be outlined in the Percentage System Guidelines; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the proposed USG Representative Percentage System replace the current USG Representative Percentage System.

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President, Speaker of the House,
Jashaun Bowens Jocelyn Bravo
USG Representatives must complete at least 2/3 of Total Points offered by the end of each semester. Each activity has been assigned a certain amount of points. If you have any questions/concerns, please email the Speaker at usgspeaker@uic.edu.

**MANDATORY ACTIVITIES**

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<td>Attend committee meetings</td>
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<td>Attend a USG social (1x/semester)</td>
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<td>Meet with Speaker (1x/semester)</td>
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**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The completion of the activities listed below is not required. These activities may be competed to make up for missed points. Each activity may only be completed up to 2 times per semester for points.

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<td>Complete 3 front desk hours***</td>
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*The resolution can either be chief or co-sponsored and must be at least co-sponsored by a Cabinet member. To receive the point, it must also be passed by the House.

**A USG-sponsored event constitutes of an event that USG has collaborated in (ex: planned event) and/or financially sponsored.

***Front desk hours do not have to be completed consecutively. However, the point will only be given after all 3 hours are completed.

**PERCENTAGE SYSTEM GUIDELINES**

1. The purpose of the USG Representative Percentage System is to ensure that all Representatives are provided with:
   - The ability to network with important members of the UIC community;
   - An opportunity to be active and involved in the organization; and
   - The tools to obtain leadership, planning, organizational and teamwork skills.
2. To ensure that USG Representatives are on track, percentages will be randomly checked during USG meetings. Failure to have completed 50% of total activities offered by that point will result in being put in probation.
   - USG Representative must meet 50% of total activities offered 2 weeks after being put on probation.
   - Failure to do so will result in dismissal as a USG Representative.
   - Though you may appeal this decision to the Speaker, the President and Speaker will have the final say.
3. Most activities will be documented by either the Speaker or Committee Chair. However, Representative must provide proof of completion through documentation for the following activities:
   - Attend USG-sponsored event
     - Provide photograph of attendance
   - Meet with Dean Smith
     - Share notes taken during meeting with the Speaker (usgspeaker@uic.edu).
   - Complete 3 office hours
     - A Cabinet member must be present during those hours to verify your attendance
4. This document can also be found on Box: Undergraduate Student Government > USG (2018-2019) > Other Documents > USG Representative Percentage System.
5. The requirements outlined in this document are supported by the passing of Resolution 2019-S2-701.

**REWARDS**

The Representative(s) with the highest cumulative percentage will receive an award that is to be determined by the Speaker, in collaboration with the Cabinet, at the end of the school year.

**FAQ**

1. **How are activities documented?**

   The Speaker will document activities in the **Representative Activity Log** found on Box: Undergraduate Student Government > USG (2018-2019) > Other Documents > USG Representative Percentage System > Representative Activity Log.

2. **How are activities recorded?**

   Mandatory Activities will be recorded by the Speaker, Interim Speaker and Committee Chairs. Additional Activities must be verified through the actions outlined in #3 of the Percentage System Guidelines.

3. **How is the completion of the activities verified?**

   In order to ensure that everyone is rewarded for their work, activities will have to be proven via screenshot, sign-in sheet, picture, etc.
Changes to the Percentage System Guidelines

1. Title went from Spring 2018 to Est. 2019
2. Representatives must complete at least 2/3 of Total Points offered instead of 75%
3. Mandatory Activities no longer include attend outside event/volunteer event, meet with Dean Smith (1x/semester), and task completion in timely manner**
4. Point value for meeting with Speaker increased from 1 pt to 2 pts
5. Additional Activities include attend a USG-sponsored event, meet with Dean Smith, and complete 3 front desk hours
6. Additional Activities no longer include execute/propose an initiative, and chief/co-sponsor a resolution.
7. Point value for chief/co-sponsoring a resolution decreased from 5/4 pts to 1 pt
8. A brief description of requirements needed to complete most Additional Activities is now provided
9. Added that “USG Representative must meet 50% of total activities offered 2 weeks after being put on probation” and “Failure to do so will result in dismissal as a USG Representative” (#2 of Percentage System Guidelines)
10. Proof of completion (#3 of Percentage System Guidelines) now includes “Complete 3 office hours”
Resolution 2019-S8-801

UIC MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT FEE

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 18, 2019

Chief Sponsor (s):
   1. Vice-President Frederique Desrosiers

WHERAS, UIC shall introduce a new $10 UIC Mental Health Student Fee—matched dollar-for-dollar from state appropriations—and a requirement that every incoming student complete an Online Mental Health Survey as provided by the UIC Counseling Center beginning in the academic year of 2019-2020. Only students enrolled in the Chicago campus shall be required to pay this fee. The UIC College of Medicine satellite campuses of Peoria and Rockford would not be affected; and

WHEREAS, The Counseling Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) lacks enough counselors to adequately support its students, resulting in protracted wait times for those who seek mental health care on campus; and

WHEREAS, At UIC, the rising demand for mental health services has not been matched with requisite resources. From 2013 to 2017, the number of students who visited the Counseling Center increased 19% from 1,189 to 1,465 students while the number of full-time employees only increased from 13 to 15; and

WHEREAS, The International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) recommends that universities have 1 professional counselor for every 1,000 to 1,500 students. Currently, the UIC staff serves 31,683 students, currently 1 counselor for every 2,112 students, and would require at least 21 counselors to meet IACS standards. This lack of resources has resulted in an average wait time for an intake session of 14 to 21 days; and

WHEREAS, Out of the 453 UIC students surveyed, 67% “often” experience symptoms of depression or other mood disorders and 51% of students have experienced suicidal ideations. Yet, 55% of UIC students have never received therapy, suggesting a barrier to mental health treatment; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the mandated student fee would be earmarked exclusively for the UIC Counseling Center and would provide approximately 633,660 including state matched funds. The current national average pay for university mental health counselors is $46,560, meaning the university could hire as many as 13 new full-time counselors—giving UIC a new total of 28. The increase in full-time counselors would allow an increase in the Counseling Center’s capacity for counseling interns and doctoral candidates.

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President,                                  Speaker of the House,
Jashaun Bowens                                Jocelyn Bravo

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Resolution 2019-S8-300

Statement of Support for GEO and UF

The Undergraduate Student Government Legislative Body
Date: March, 18, 2019

Chief Sponsor(s):
1. Secretary, Taylor Holmes
2. Chair Women of Legislative Affairs, Aliemah Bradley
3. President, Jashaun Bowens

Co-Sponsor(s):
1. Representative Daisy Stancheva
2. Representative Seamus McNamara
3. Representative Timothy Oommen
4. Representative Mayra Hurtado
5. Representative Ariej Mohamed
6. Representative Kimberly Pu
7. Representative Angie Sianturi
8. Representative Karen John
9. Representative Kevin Emmanuel Herrera
10. Representative Lila Aryadwita

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago’s campus has had and will continue to have a lot of political events; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government at the University of Illinois at Chicago has been approached about our organization’s stance on political events happening on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, we are a bipartisan entity representing all undergraduate students and their social, physical and academic best interests. While understanding that some decisions are inherently political, yet must be made for the advancement of the student body; and
WHEREAS, the mission of the Undergraduate Student Government as stated in our constitution is to “... preserve within our University an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry, and self expression while ensuring the following: the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University; ... we commit ourselves to respect, encourage, and support one another, while striving to foster a strong academic and extracurricular community. To that end, we shall create spaces where the needs of students are met, the rights of students are respected, and the voices of students are heard;” then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government deeply values the work of all faculty, staff and students; and views the work of faculty, staff and students as fundamental to the academic success of all people working, researching and studying at this institution; then

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the full and fair compensation of our fellow Graduate students and investment in our hard working faculty. The Undergraduate Student Government reaffirms our support for the Graduate Employment Organization, UIC United Faculty and the students of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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President,  
Jashaun Bowens

Speaker of the House,  
Jocelyn Bravo
Resolution 2019-S7-400

USG Office Revitalization Initiative

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: March 11, 2019

Chief Sponsors:
1. Public Relations Deputy John Donners
2. Kevin Emmanuel Herrera

Sponsors:
1. Dahlya El-adawe
2. President Jashaun Bowens
3. Chairwoman Nada Marci
4. KylaRose Schulman
5. RobynRose Schulman
6. Chau Nguyen

WHEREAS, USG is the representative of the student voice of the UIC community. Our public image is integral to our ability to perform our mission on campus. Our image starts at our base of operations of the office. The current presence of our office is unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS, our office appears to have a lack of professionalism and appearance; and

WHEREAS, we lack brand display; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, we have USG members present at the front desk on a volunteer basis. To establish USG’s presence and to assist any students or individuals seeking assistance from USG; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, this helps establish a means of communication and representation between those seeking collaboration and partnership with USG; and also enhances the physical image and representation of our brand within and adjacent to the USG office space; then

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, there will business cards and informational sheet to assist members at the front desk. This will also serve as a volunteer opportunity for members who have missed a meeting or event to make up for lost points.