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. Raza Haque, USG Chief of Staff

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. Old Business
   a. Resolution 2019-S9-501

IX. New Business
   a. Resolution 2019-S9-607
   b. Resolution 2019-S10-801

X. Items for Discussion

XI. Announcements
   a. USG Awards
   b. Elections and Nominations

XII. Adjournment
April 8, 2019

Meeting 8 Minutes

Call to Order- 6:06

Roll Call

Reading and Approval of the Agenda- Approved as written

Reading and Approval of the Minutes- Approved as written

Guest Speakers-

a. Susan Teggatz, Director of Campus Housing

Academic and Residential Center, Private & Public Partnership (3 private partners), The academic side of the institution is run off of state funds and the residential side is operating off of auxiliary funds, have 550 beds, 4 living learning communities, Has tower lounge (sky lounge), work out center, and electronic packaging and mail system. There are 7 active classrooms (faculty and students put in several years of work to design the classrooms). There are 880 total classroom seats. There are 20 informal learning spaces. Partnered with several faculty members to create the living learning communities. Pricing of a double room is $12,728 (with meal plan) and semi-single suite is $16,738 (with meal plan). New Block Meal Plan- 320 meals and 300 flames fare.

Is there contractual language requiring students in housing to buy into the meal plan? No, that is a housing policy, due to appropriateness

Is the new block plan similar to that of a previous plan? This plan is perfect for a commuter because is enough to get you through the year. It is a piloted program

Construction tours require: closed toe shoes, fitted clothing. Tours are weekdays at 2:45. You are provided with safety gear. It is limited to 1

It was apart of the plan to take the CMNS beds off housing with the building of ARC. Teggatz, is also concerned with the cheaper building coming off line. Affordability is a priority of hers. Going to use student feedback before designing future buildings.

Motion to extend questioning by 5 minutes- Not approved

b. Library Administration- Reminder of Library Services, 2 libraries on campus (one on east, one on west), Idea commons is 24 hours/5 days a week. Library will be 24/7 the week of finals. We pay for library shuttle for west campus (every 45 minutes to 1 hour). Library Liaison program (Librarian that is a specialist in your major/study area), You can find your liaison on the library home page, you can also contact the librarian liaison for your course to help write papers, Research guides (researchguides.uic.edu) has list of fields and disciplines that provides information on how to engage in research in your area of study (curated by people in those study areas). There are also undergraduate engagement coordinators. You can request an appointment with your liaison. You are also able to submit questions online for your coursework. Through the chat feature you can hear back from a librarian the next business day. The library will also cover the cost of the pilot microwave and it will be installed April 22nd. The microwave will be available the week of extended hours. They will be monitoring the usage and care of the microwave. Apart of the pilot, if the microwave is successful, USG will cover half the cost of the next one, installed on the north side.

Ex. Officio Reports

a. Report of the Advisor- Tomorrow is the kick off of our elections, polls open at 9 a.m. Tuesday and close 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Officer Reports

a. President- GEO strikes are over. Conference, in Houston, was great. E-board has a lot of new ideas. Meeting for the gala is Thursday, 6 p.m. Ignite was Saturday, a lot of students were there. Apartheid Week for Students for Justice in Palestine started today. Will loop new administration in on emails.

b. Vice-President- Referendum question has been submitted to the final ballot. Please attend Gala meeting

c. Treasurer- Alpha funding has been resolved and got 1 room instead of 2 for UIC students voting. Conference was great. Climate Change event is on Wednesday.
d. Speaker- There are still spots for Leadershape. Regarding agendas, we most likely will not be printing agendas. Awards for Gala, awards for members of USG based on certain criteria. Marian: Members should be able to nominate themselves? Misty: Nominations should be private. Donners: Only USG members will only be recognized or receive awards. Crystal: there is 6 awards but only five voted for and top three members chosen (nominations) Daisy: when you said the person with the most points of the members that lost meeting points is it going to be points or percentage, it will be a percentage. Daisy suggested an amended version of the percentage system

e. Chief of Staff- working on the Gala, possibility of a meeting on April 22nd, if the gala gets moved. Regarding the conference some ideas that we brought back is the State of the Campus address, video conferencing for office hours (may encourage usage from student body), drafted a donation letter from outside sources (i.e. food places). Also reading over the constitution

f. Diversity and Inclusion- At the conference learned about difference between diversity and inclusion. Next event is a mental health event April 25th from 12-3, event in SCE and in the Quad. Open Mic event was successful. This week is SJP Apartheid week

g. Legislative Affairs- SLC is having a reflection event on the mayoral election. Lobby Day was successful, email situation was unfortunate. Will work to fix that in the future.

h. Public Relations- Event is going to happen next week. Beach Ball event, please email Nada if you want to help

i. Student Life- Successfully negotiated having microwaves in the library. Will distribute a housing survey.

New Business

a. Resolution 2019-S8-606- Read by Jack
   Donners- What prompts this change? This is how it was last year, it encourages transparency and accountability

President Bowens- moved to make this an executive order- passed through the house

Moved to Voting- nay by donners, abstained by Stancheva, passed

b. Resolution 2019-S9-501- Read by Tolu

Bravo- What is the cost of the microwave? $1800

Bradley- What is the Student Activity Board? A group that plans engagement for the library, not currently active

Udoetuk- What is included in what we need to cover? Only cleaning supplies, Recommend changing the language

Udoetuk- moved to remove “any future materials” passed

Dean Smith- Add another Let It Be Resolved, treasury committee will review if the cost is feasible

Udoetuk- Move to change “and future materials...” to “and future materials ... limited to ..., subject to the treasury committees approval” -passed

Items for Discussion

a. CSI Progress Report- Maria: Recap Reports- for organizations to talk about what happens with CSI

Announcements

UIC Student Union- Daisy will draft resolution to support student union

Temi- NDTC will be having interns for the summer

Udoetuk- UF voting this week on strike

Haque- if you are interested in getting an internship on a law firm, let him know

Jack- USG Climate Change event is Wednesday, in the Illinois room

Frederique- UPPF is doing informational sessions for 2019-2020 school year, designed for underrepresented groups

Crystal- UF must wait 10 days from final vote to strike

Haque- SJP still happening

Adjournment- 7:59
Resolution 2019-S9-501

Richard J. Daley Library Microwave Pilot

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: April 8, 2019

Chief Sponsor: Director of the Student Life Committee, Tolu Odueyungbo

Co-Sponsor: President Jashaun Bowens

Supporting Sponsors:
1. University Librarian and Dean of Libraries, Mary Case
2. Undergraduate Engagement Librarian, Jennifer Jackson
3. Assistant University Librarian for Administrative Services, Linda Naru
4. Undergraduate Engagement Coordinator, Teresa Moreno

WHEREAS, the undergraduate students of UIC have shown an interest and need in having a microwave in the Richard J. Daley Library. This microwave would be for the use of warming up food between breaks, studying late nights on campus, and to address food insecurity with access to campus food.

WHEREAS, the administration of the Richard J. Daley Library has agreed to installing a microwave in the library as a pilot phase.

WHEREAS, if the pilot is successful after the Spring 2019 semester, USG agrees to pick up half the cost of a second microwave and future materials needed in support of maintaining the use of microwaves within the library (be it cleaning supplies or furniture)

WHEREAS, in continuing to build a relationship between the UIC Richard J. Daley Library and USG, the Student Life Committee will provide representation for the Library Student Activity Board should that group be reinstated in future semesters.

Then, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that if the Spring 2019 microwave pilot is successful, USG will provide allocation for half the cost of a second microwave and any future materials needed to support the use of the microwaves (cleaning supplies and furniture) starting Fall 2019.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that in continuing a relationship between the UIC Richard J. Daley Library and USG, that there will be representation from the Student Life Committee for the Library Student Activity Board, should that group be reinstated.

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President,                                  Speaker of the House,
Jashaun Bowens                               Jocelyn Bravo

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Resolution 2019-S9-607

Thaakat Spring Formal

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
April 15, 2019

Chief Sponsor: Treasurer John Johannesson

WHEREAS, Thaakat is a student organization that transcends cultural and religious boundaries to create a network of individuals that looks to this organization as a project of their own; where no matter your race or creed, you are united with a group of people that share a similar desire to help.

WHEREAS, Thaakat organize self-sustainable relief projects for underprivileged communities worldwide (Pakistan, India, Africa), aiming to assist those whose needs often go unnoticed as they live in small, overlooked communities.

WHEREAS, The Thaakat Spring formal has an expected attendance of 300 and will be an event that will recognize their noble initiatives and actions this year. Shawarma stop, who catered the MSA Discover Islam dinner will provide catering.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that The Undergraduate Student Government will grant Thaakat $1500 for catering for their Spring Formal on 4/16/19.

President, Speaker of the House,
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Resolution 2019-S10-802

UIC MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT FEE

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
Date: April 15, 2019

Chief Sponsor(s):

Vice-President Frederique Desrosiers

Co-Sponsor:

Chair of Legislative Affairs Committee Aliemah Bradley

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 16.4 alongside a modest increase of $8,939 in 2017; 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 1,932 students, and would require at least 21 counselors to meet IACS standards.

WHEREAS, In a 2019 survey of 347 UIC students administered by the Roosevelt Institute at UIC, 54% of respondents who requested services at the Counseling Center said they waited two or more weeks for an intake session, and 58% of respondents rated the Counseling Center as “average” or worse; and

WHEREAS, 65% of students that voted on the 2019 student elections voted yes on the referendum question: “Do you agree that UIC should establish a $10 “Mental Health” student fee to hire more counselors at UIC Counseling Center?”; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government supports the establishment of a $10 Mental Health Fee to increase counselors at the UIC Counseling Center.

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President,
Jashaun Bowens

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Speaker of the House,
Jocelyn Bravo