Meeting Minutes  
March 8th, 2021

I. Call to Order  
6:06pm

II. Roll Call  
Student Trustee Bravo-absent  
Representative Henry-absent 
Representative Alsaadi has excused absence

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes have been approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
Agenda has been approved

V. Public Comment  
No Public Comment

VI. Guest Speakers  
No Guest Speakers

VII. Ex Officio Reports  
a. Report of the Advisor  
-Advisor shares with the body the Chancellor’s Student Service and Leadership Awards  
https://involvement.uic.edu/student-organizations/awards-recognition/  
-Advisor yields time to the president to discuss how the USG meetings can be restructured

b. Report of the Student Trustee  
Absent  
No report

VIII. Officer Reports  
a. Report of the President  
-President met with the Vice Chancellor Tolliver to strategize on our Mental Health Days proposal.  
-President met with Dean Wright and Cynthia Rosales to review the logistics of the emergency housing initiative. President will work with the Graduate student council and the college of social work to discuss collaborations.  
-President informs the body that the administration sent a mass email today regarding the upcoming semester. USG has been pushing to allow each college to decide what classes will and will not be online, this is something that the email included.  
-President attended the USG sponsored Student Town Hall, the event had 60 attendees and allowed students to discuss important student issues. The president took notes, if interested din reviewing these, please contact our president.
-President worked with the Black Graduate Student Assoc on creating a hotline for students struggling to cope during this time, this service is catered to BIPOC students, but all students are welcome. To join their discord server please follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVPDyKY3WEGS7hk8xLke3YwdkT_tEq9w8wRG7oi_fvu-GBTvg/viewform

-President attended the ARABMCC Event and the MENA campaign.
- President will be working on an initiative to plan for a USG COVID safety report, the goal is to release this report to the Chancellor and other campus leaders.
- President will be meeting with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Tolliver and the student councils to discuss student concerns. To add a topic to this meeting’s agenda, please contact the president.

b. Report of the Vice-President
-Vice-president informs the body that Chairwoman El-Adawe is looking into IRB requirements for the Mental Health Coalition to share the survey’s responses.
-Vice-president encourages the body to be mindful about sharing the survey’s data as it has not been approved to be published.
-Vice-president informs the body that the Mental Health Coalition met with Professor Bailey to discuss the data set and how to analyze it.
-Vice-president met with Vice Chancellor Rex Tolliver to discuss student concerns, the main points of this meeting discussed the Triage survey, allowing student to schedule appointments with the counseling center online, working on the progress dashboard and the Chancellor’s standing committee.
-Vice-president is working on contacting the administration regarding the menstrual hygiene machines.
-Vice-president informs the body that the USG Bonfire resolution has been updated and it will be reviewed today during the meeting.

c. Report of the Treasurer
-Treasurer is waiting to receive an update from the Library and Dean of Students office regarding the transfer of funds for the Open-Source Textbook initiative.
-Treasurer met with the UIC Chess club to discuss the funding of their merchandise.
-Treasurer is waiting for an update from the sustainability department regarding future collaborations, once the prizes are set, the treasurer will invite the department to a general body meeting.
-Treasurer informs the body that today the body will be voting on the Omega Delta blood drive resolution.
-Treasurer met with the Pre-Law society to discuss future funding collaborations.
-Treasurer met with LAUGH to discuss funding logistics, the organization has decided that before proceeding with the RFF process, the speaker will be confirmed.
-Treasurer sent the PRC Committee the UIC Library logos so the committee is able to work on designing the Library Charging lockers.
-Treasurer will be meeting with Red Shoes Review this week to discuss future collaborations.

d. Report of the Speaker
- Speaker of the house congratulates interim speaker Taylor on chairing this meeting and creating the meeting packet.
- Speaker met with the Vice-president to help with the Bonfire Liaison Resolution.
- Speaker is planning to meet with the Chief of Staff next week to work on the strike policy and e-board handbooks.
- Speaker informs the body that the E-board met and discussed a new layout for the USG meetings that maximizes time. This will start next week.
- Speaker will be meeting with every representative individually this week, please signed up if you haven’t already.
- Speaker encourages the body to be mindful about sharing USG only information.

Report of the Chief of Staff
- Chief of Staff informs the body that regarding the Open Education Week, there were some articles published Nationally for the textbooks report.
- Chief of Staff informs the body that in the action block we held for petitions there were over 100 signatures gained.
- Chief of Staff informs the body that during the faculty-sign on, over 10 professors joined in support.
- Chief of Staff is currently contacting department heads to discuss open education initiatives.
- Chief of Staff is considering writing a letter and have organizations sign on to it.
- Chief of Staff is working with student governments from other universities to promote open education and plan ways to get their administrators to use open-source textbooks.
- Chief of Staff is working on gaining access to a student Listserv for USG to communicate with students directly.
- Chief of Staff is working with all committee chairs to create the executive handbooks.

f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
- Chairwoman met with the Chief of Staff to discuss USG issues
- Chairwoman met with the E-board members to discuss USG meetings.
- Chairwoman met with Chairwoman Obire to discuss the survey regarding Covid-19.
- Chairwoman met with the President to discuss upcoming presentation.
- Chairwoman is working on the Know Your Rights Series, the flyer is out, please share it for upcoming events.
- Chairwoman informs the body that the counseling Center Podcast flyer is ready and will be posted soon.
- Chairwoman met with our advisor Parker to discuss how USG funds can be used to support DIC initiatives.

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- Chairwoman attended the Town Hall on behalf of USG and the Mental Health Coalition.
- Chairwoman is currently working on reviewing the IRB restrictions and exemptions to make sure the survey’s results can be published.
- Chairwoman informs the body that the committee meeting was rescheduled. The committee meeting times might have to be changed.
- Chairwoman is working on inviting the President of SAC to our next meeting to discuss Lobbying.

**h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair**
- Chairwoman filed an RFF for the merchandise initiative.
- Chairwoman informs the body that Custom Ink does no longer provide XL sizes for some items, chairwoman has contacted the members that had chosen this size so they can update their size choice.

**i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair**
- Chairwoman informs the body that the Covid-19 survey, please fill and share it [https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2oCbJdABnzUQFQa](https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2oCbJdABnzUQFQa)
- Chairwoman had a committee meeting in which members worked together on Canva to get some designs for the COVID-19 vaccine campaign posts.
- Chairwoman emailed the PRC committee for some help in making some more infographics. The goal is not just to make online posts, but to have posters go up on campus buildings
- Chairwoman is working on finding out if USG can put a table outside the vaccination centers with candy and other rewards.
- Chairwoman reached out to the Office of First-Year initiatives.
- Chairwoman will have a meeting with the Vice-Provost regarding unified and expanding these first-year seminar programs. For more information, please see attached facts sheet.

**j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair**
- Chairwoman is working on the Art Drive with UA, during this drive, students can submit their artwork with a Spring theme.
- Chairwoman is planning on going to Diversity and Inclusion meeting tomorrow to discuss further the bidet initiative.
- The Dining Hall survey is live, please share and take the survey if you are on campus and/or use the dining hall

**IX. Old Business**

**a. Resolution 2021-S6-1101**
Behavioral Mental Health Crisis Response Team
Resolution Voted
Resolution Passed

**b. Resolution 2021-S6-1102**
Reducing USG Administrative Costs
Amendment so that under point 5 it says the following: let it further be resolved that if an event is Held it shall be focused on UIC leaders and other organizations and it shall be maintained by the USG secretary with help from a specifically designated planning committee. Let it also be resolved that the event shall not be included in the USG budget and funding shall be requested through a resolution and an RFF form.
Amendment Voted
Amendment Passed
Resolution Voted
Resolution Passed

c. Resolution 2021-S5-1000
Bonfire X USG Liaison
Motion to bring this resolution back to the table
Motion Voted
Motion Passed

Amendment to remove the space before the semicolon
Amendment voted
Amendment Passed

Amendment to edit point d to say instead of through an election process through an application process that is submitted and eventually decided on by the chief of staff
Amendment Voted
Amendment Passed

Resolution Voted
Resolution Passed

d. Resolution 2021-S6-804
Omega Delta Blood Drive
Resolution Voted
Resolution Passed

President has vetoed this resolution.

X. New Business
No New Business

XI. Items for Discussion
A) New Meeting Layout
   Speaker explains the new meeting layout, this includes limits on guest speaker and reports. This will be implemented next week.
B) Chief of Staff encourages the body to as a group apply to a Chancellor’s Student Service and Leadership Award. After the meeting, please stay if interested in helping in this process.

XII. Announcements
- Chief of Staff encourages members to donate to a fundraiser for pediatric cancer survivors.
https://flamesfunded.uic.edu/sparkathon?cfpage=r/yUWOBrtq6

- Chairwoman Hammad encourages members to attend Minority Students Rights on Thursday at 5pm.
- Speaker reminds the body to schedule their individuals meeting by today.

- Secretary informs the body that she will be organizing a time capsule initiative for USG to commemorate 2020 and 2021.

- Representative Aranda-Ortiz encourages the body to review the vote on the Omega Delta Blood Drive. President vetoes this resolution.

XIII. Adjournment
8:11pm