Minutes Meeting  
November 9, 2020

I. Call to Order  
6:05pm

II. Roll Call  
- Student Trustee Bravo is absent  
- Chief of Staff Oommen is absent  
- Chairwoman Hammad is absent – excused absence  
- Chairwoman Zhou is absent – excused absence  
- Representative Villagomez is absent

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to table Resolution 2020-F5-403 until further notice  
Motion voted  
Motion Approved

Motion to add USG & Bonfire Relations to Items for Discussion  
Motion Voted  
Motion Approved

Agenda approved

V. Public Comment  
No Public Comment

VI. Guest Speakers  
No Guest Speakers

VII. Ex Officio Reports  
\textbf{a. Report of the Advisor}  
- Advisor hopes all members are okay after the long presidential elections  
- Thanks members that have submitted the Academic Eligibility Forms  
- Cynthia Rosales will attend USG’s last meeting  
- Advisor remembers all members that if they need any type of support they can reach out to the advisors. 

\textbf{b. Report of the Student Trustee}  
Student Trustee is absent

VIII. Officer Reports  
\textbf{a. Report of the President}
-President and representative Taylor are disseminating our letter of support for the Ethnic Studies General Education Requirement. Please share and sign it. Sign on here: https://bit.ly/3l62M5a

-President met with the Academic Senate President Wink, we discussed grading policy change; we agreed on a couple of changes: 1. extend the CR/NC deadline, and expand courses this can be applied to 2. extend the withdrawal deadline 3. Students should not have to pay to retake a course if they fail. Also, President is looking to remove the F designation; no student will fail, everyone who performs poorly will receive a D. This gives students 1 credit hour for courses taken. Finally, during this meeting president was able to discuss how to reduce the barrier of entry to incomplete grades (for leave of absence), and issues w/ reenrolling at UIC after an incomplete.

-President informs the Town Hall for students is planned for Thursday Nov 19th at 6pm for the entire UIC student body to ask questions and get answers from administration; president encourages all members to attend if they can!

-President planned a meeting with the 5 other student councils and Chancellor Amiridis on Nov 23rd, please let the president know if there is anything in specific that he should ask.

-President met with Dahyla and Hana to discuss COVID-19 Safety in the dorms.

-President met with Bayan and Erin O’Callaghan to talk about our Title IX event this week - Planned to write for a proposal to eliminate mandatory reporting and codify an amnesty policy.

b. Report of the Vice-President
-Vice-president informs the body that Ms. Volpe will send the Mental Health Coalition survey to Dean Linda Deanna and Joseph Hermes
-Vice-president is working towards better understanding what telehealth resources are offered through Campus-Care and making this into an infographic.
-Vice-president is compiling a list of mental health resources.
-Vice-president communicated with Bonfire, at they informed the body that they don’t want a paid position that is funded by USG. However, they are considering in having someone from the Student Life Committee to become a liaison between the organizations.

-Vice-president will be meeting with Code Red @ UIC in regard to vending machines that house menstrual hygiene products

-Vice-president will be participating in facilitating a week-long series of events regarding minorities in academia

c. Report of the Treasurer
-Treasury Committee is ready to meet with anyone regarding funding questions and concerns.
- Treasurer reminds the body that representatives wanting reimbursements must be enrolled in Direct Deposit through UIC, and ALL OFFICERS receiving Stipends must be enrolled in Direct Deposit through UIC.

- Reaching out to the Commuter Center, UIC Library, Campus Housing, and other organizations on campus for a possible campus renovation collaboration.

- Treasurer reminds the body that all suggestions regarding how funds should be spent are welcome!

**d. Report of the Speaker**

- Speaker sent out a survey to ask about your experience at USG, please fill it out before our next meeting. Also, include your feedback.

- USG Social is tomorrow from 7-9 pm, all packages will be received before the event. Also, today we will be voting on the resolution for funds reimbursement.

- Speaker talked to Anshu about the financial aspect of the end of the year party and it seems like it might be difficult to make it happen, we will talk more about it during Items for Discussion.

  • Speaker reminds all members of the body that if you are late to a meeting and arrive after roll call has been done, it is your responsibility to let myself or Daniela know that you're present. Otherwise, we will mark you as absent. Additionally, please make sure that you are reading the minutes every week because in there it mentions who has been marked as absent.

**e. Report of the Chief of Staff**

Absent

No report

**f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair**

- Chairwoman met with Amira from Graduate Student Council to continue planning for Know Your Rights series, chairwoman is still waiting on NLG to find facilitators

- Met with Erin O’Callaghan and invited her to speak at Know Your Rights: Title IX Regulations. This event is scheduled for November 11 at 3 p.m. Please attend and spread the word.

  Link to find fliers: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gm67itL1YrkqXZ-OIW9osS8-IC5GFmBo?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gm67itL1YrkqXZ-OIW9osS8-IC5GFmBo?usp=sharing)

- Chairwoman informs the body that more areas of collaboration were discussed with Erin and will continue to work with her in the future.

- Conversation Hour series continues for two more weeks. Please spread the word! Use link above to find fliers
-Chairwoman has a meeting planned with ArAmCC to discuss their MENA campaign and Archive Project and how USG can help. Will have more updates next week. This meeting is on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

-Facilitating conversation hour for AACC Monday Nov 9th at 3 p.m.

-Chairwoman is meeting with PRC to share initiatives and areas of possible collaboration.

-DIC is looking forward to connecting with USG committees and discuss initiatives and collaborations within USG.

**g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair**

*Committee Initiatives*
- Misty: Planned Event with ROTC - Flyer and set location not set. Scheduled for next week.
- Matthew: Working on survey questions for communication app
- Michael: Working on calendar initiative; reaching out to prfs

-There will be no committee meetings past thanksgiving break

**h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair**

- Creating flyers for USG Sponsored events
- Meeting with PRC on Monday, will report on what we talked about
- There will be a “Get To Know Me!” form for all representatives. Link will be sent out soon.

**i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair**

*Weekly Committee Meeting*
- Did a check in with everyone
- Spoke on topics surrounding the election. We debriefed and voiced our thoughts at the time
- Worked on next steps for our initiatives and future events.

- Chairwoman wants to acknowledge the tragic accident that happened on campus in regards to Tushar. I want to voice my condolences and am praying for Tushar’s family and loved ones. Also, chairwoman is praying for the other student who is currently recovering.

- Chairwoman states that if anyone needs to speak to someone, UIC does have counseling services available, but if you would like more resources please let me know and I’ll send them your way.

- Chairwoman encourages all members to please stay safe and make sure you are taking care of yourself and your mental health. This has been an incredibly hard year, but we are going to get through it.

**j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair**

Absent
- Chairwoman is working on the same initiatives as last week
-Chairwoman apologizes for being absent

**IX. Old Business**

a. **Resolution 2020-F8-904**  
Motion to read the updated version of this resolution  
Voted  
In favor

Resolution Voted  
Resolution Passed

**X. New Business**

No New Business

**XI. Items for Discussion**

a. **USG Social**  
-Social is tomorrow, please attend!

b. **End of the year party**  
-Please give feedback and ideas

c. **USG & Bonfire Relations**  
-Vice-president requests feedback and ideas on having someone as the liaison of both organizations

**XII. Announcements**

-Organization Mid-Life is hosting a fundraiser, for more information, please contact Mathew.

**XIII. Adjournment**

-7:16pm