November 16th, 2020
Minute Meetings

I. Call to Order
6:05pm

II. Roll Call
-Student Trustee Bravo is absent
-Chairwoman Nadala has excused absence
-Secretary Guerrero has excused absence
-Representative Ruiz has excused absence
-Representative Vilvasigamani is absent
-Representative Oyefeso is absent

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
Approved

V. Public Comment
No Public Comment

VI. Guest Speakers
No Guest Speakers

VII. Ex Officio Reports
a. Report of the Advisor
-No report

b. Report of the Student Trustee
-Absent

VIII. Officer Reports
a. Report of the President
-President met with CEOC (Emergency Operations), to discuss the moving of all classes online in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases.
-President informs the body that there will be a Day of Action on the 19th, for more information please contact the president.
-President is disseminating our letter of support for the Ethnic Studies General Education Requirement.
Please sign on here: https://bit.ly/3l62M5a and please share it with others!
-President informs the body that we have gotten endorsement letters from Alderman Sigcho-Lopez, Asian Am Caucus, and UICUF
-President met with the Gen Ed council to get more information on Gen Ed changes
-President informs the body that the senate voted in favor of CR/NC, referred to Provost Poser.

-President encourages members to attend the Town Hall for students planned for Thursday Nov 19th at 6pm.

-President will meet with the 5 other student councils and Chancellor Amiridis on Nov 23rd. If there are questions that the president should consider, please contact him for further information.

-President thanks everyone who organized and attended the Know Your Rights event.

b. Report of the Vice-President

-Vice-president informs the body that there was a resolution passed by USG’s previous administration that would increase the health fee for students in order to afford hiring more counselors. Although there is nothing decided yet, this is on discussion. Additionally, vice-president informs the body that there is a search committee that is attempting to hire a diverse group of counselors, two new counselors will be hired for this spring semester.

-Vice-president reached out to Dr. Ajilore to go over focus groups.

-Vice-president informs the body that there is a Mental health task force led by the administration, vice-president will be looking into their findings.

-Vice-president has been working on a resolution that creates a liaison position for USG and bonfire.

-Vice-president is working on a Memorial letter for Tushar.

c. Report of the Treasurer

-Treasury Committee has meetings planned with the UIC Commuter Center as well as the UIC Library to discuss campus renovation collaboration this week.

-Treasurer asks officers to provide the following information for Stipend RFF’s.

Name :
Address :
City/State/Zip :
Phone :
UIN :
Email :

-Treasurer informs the body that the speaker’s reimbursement has been sent to the DOS and Mathew’s is currently in the process of being signed and sent to the DOS.

d. Report of the Speaker

-Speaker thanks all members that who attended the USG Social!

-Speaker sent out a survey to ask about your experience at USG, please fill it our as soon as possible.

-Speaker informs the body that the today we will discuss a resolution for funds reimbursement as there were additional costs by USPS because of incorrect package weight of the USG Social packages.

-Speaker informs to the body that she found a small business that has different options of cookie jars and it might be a good idea for us to purchase from there; the speaker bought one to check it out. We will talk more about it during Items for Discussion.

-Speaker reminds the e-board to complete their tasks in a timely manner as other e-board members rely on your work in order to be able to do their work.
-Speaker reminds the body to dedicate time for self-care and to feel free to reach out for any support.

e. Report of the Chief of Staff
Report was skipped

f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
- Chairwoman informs the body that she is continuing to work on the Know Your Rights series with Graduate Student Council. This series will be postponed. Chairwoman attended a meeting today to discuss the planning. If there are any ideas or suggestions, please contact Chairwoman Hammad.
- Chairwoman facilitated Create Change event for AACC along with Chairwoman El-Adawe, President Kumar and Representative Taylor. The event went very well although there was low attendance.
- Chairwoman facilitated Know Your Rights: Title IX Regulations. The event went very well and the committee continues to work on the campaign.
- Chairwoman facilitated Townhall: “Candid Conversation” along with Chief of Staff Oommen, Chairwoman Nadala and Representative Almendras. It was an impactful and helpful event.

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- Chairwoman focused on her work regarding the Mental Health Coalition, the coalition is working on creating an effective survey for students and on assembling a focus group.
- Chairwoman met with SLCE to discuss events regarding elections. These events are being scheduled for the first weeks of the upcoming semester.
- Chairwoman is Planning to have Representative Collins Chief of Staff and Chicago Votes Fellow, Frederique D, in her upcoming committee meeting.

Committee Updates:
Misty: Planned Event with ROTC - Restructuring needed due to covid-19 cases increasing
Matthew: Discussion of Survey Questions
Michael: Received responses from Professors - Pending next steps

- Chairwoman informs the body that there will be no committee meetings past thanksgiving break

h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair
- Chairwoman is fixing numerical order for YouTube videos
- Chairwoman is working on flyers for events
- Chairwoman is drafting a survey for students in what they’d want to see from USG
- Chairwoman is working on the USG merch form, link will be sent soon.

i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair
- Chairwoman had committee weekly meeting, the main priority of the committee is collaborating with the commuter resource center and marketing upcoming events.
- Chairwoman met with representative Barbara Hernandez, this conversation focused on the bills that the representative is planning on supporting. These include a Metra discount bill and the expansion of government funds.
Chairwoman is working on a roundtable discussion event with legislators and college students. This event would take place on December 11. For more information, please contact chairwoman Udoetuk.

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
-Chairwoman met with MHC to discussed focus group questions
-Chairwoman is planning USG Friendsgiving on November 22nd at 7 pm over Zoom. RSVP form and poster will be sent to PRC for marketing.
-Chairwoman informs the body that the Care packages will be pushed for next semester.
-Chairwoman is considering virtual peer mentoring for next semester.
-Chairwoman is working on the USG Honor Code, once the draft is concrete, chairwoman will schedule a meeting with advisors.

IX. Old Business
No Old Business

X. New Business
a. Resolution 2020-F10-905
President issued an executive order to vote on this resolution today
Motion Voted
Motion Passed

XI. Items for Discussion
a. Meeting with Chancellor
-President will be meeting with the chancellor and asks the body if there are any questions that should be addressed on this meeting.
   -Lockdown restrictions
   -Tuition Cost

b. UIC Virtual Services Survey
-Representative Almendras created this survey to ask students how often they use virtual services at UIC. For the survey, please communicate with representative Almendras. This is a draft. Please send suggestions and comments.

c. End of the year party
-Speaker is taking care of ordering the cookie jars for the End of the year party. For suggestions and comments please reach out to the speaker of the house.

d. Sexual Assault and Greek Life
- For more information, please communicate with Chairwoman El-Adawe. USG needs to do more to protect students and bring justice.

XII. Announcements
No Announcements
XIII. Adjournment
7:48pm