I. Call to Order

6:04pm

II. Roll Call

Student Trustee Bravo – Absent

Representative Aranda-Ortiz- Excused Absence

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. Election of New Representatives

The following representatives have been vote in:

Mohammed Zaid Vohra

Arthur Kasowski

Nora Alsaadi

Danyah Thnaibat

Ex Officio Reports

a. Report of the Advisor
Advisor Dre Parker was informed that some students have had issues with their Academic Eligibility Form, if this is your case, please contact our advisor at DrePark1@uic.edu.

b. Report of the Student Trustee

Absent

No report

IX. Officer Reports

Report of the President

-President reviewed the GPA recalculation policy letter created by Chairwoman Obire.

-President informs the body that the Ethnic Studies Proposal was reviewed this week. President and Representative Taylor are working on creating supplemental materials for lobbying.

-President attended the Mental Health Task Force meeting with Dean Deanna. Also, President encourages all members to check the new Mental Health Coalition Instagram.

-President informs the body that the Town hall for student issues with the Student Survey Coalition was moved to March 4th.

-President met with CAN and DIC to review major goals; implementing higher community standards, pushing for deputy chairs to shorten trial periods, and creating a new transformative justice position.

-President met with Chancellor Amiridis and student councils. For meeting notes, please refer to the President’s report.

Report of the Vice-President

-Vice-president informs the body that the Mental Health Coalition Survey has 480 responses. Data analysis will start once the survey has 500 responses.

-Vice-president informs the body the Mental Health Coalition has created an Instagram @uicmentalhealthcoalition.

-Vice-president informs the body that Campus care covers telehealth mental health services without copay currently. Also, the DRC does accommodations for mental health related diagnoses.

-Vice-president continues to work to expand on document of recommendations for the university.
- Vice-president continues to work on the reading week proposal.

- Vice-president informs the body that she is working hard to document the work of the Mental Health Coalition to ensure these efforts continue in the future.

- Vice-president will attend a Meeting with Sophia Hamilton to discuss the DRC relationship with the counseling center.

- Vice-president and Secretary Guerrero had a meeting with “Aunt Flow” for a quote on machines and products regarding the free hygiene menstrual products initiative.

**Report of the Treasurer**

- Treasurer informs the body that the resolution for UIC Library collaboration will be proposed today.

- Treasurer informs the body that the YDSA payment has been processed and all members have been notified.

- Treasurer met with Chairwoman Zhou to discuss funding for upcoming care-packages.

- Treasurer will be meeting with the UIC Chess club sometime this week regarding merchandise collaboration.

- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee will be meeting with the Sustainability department on Feb.26th to discuss future collaborations.

- Treasurer met with Chief of Staff Almendras to discuss the progress of the Treasury committee.

- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee will continue to reach out to organizations to support the student body.

**Report of the Speaker**

- Speaker had a meeting with the president, chief of Staff and chairwoman El-Adawe to discuss the Strike Policy.

- Speaker with the rest of the E-Board to create Handbooks.

- Speaker met with Chairwoman Hammad and Treasurer Nidamanuri to discuss the possibility of adding bidets to UIC.

- Speaker will start uploading all agendas to Box.

- Speaker informs the body that the new deadline for the minutes is Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- Speaker reminds all members that absences from committee meetings count towards the total amount of absences you are allowed per semester.

- Speaker will be presenting a resolution of support for Ivor Chen, who was wrongfully dismissed from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Speaker informs the body that the new Interim Speaker is representative Kayla Taylor.

**Report of the Chief of Staff**

- Chief of Staff met with the majority of the executive board to discuss committee progress, future plans, and to schedule biweekly meetings

- Chief of Staff is working with the Speaker Stancheva on the Strike Policy and Leadership Development Summit.

- Chief of Staff is working on increasing student engagement within the student body, will work with representative Taylor to build relationships with UIC sports teams and will work with Chairwoman Obire on making student engagement an emphasis in the “Experience UIC” 110 courses curriculum.

- Chief of Staff spoke to Chairwoman Nadala about reworking the USG website to make it more vibrant.

- Chief of Staff is working on how we can spread a USG Report to the Students via UIC listservs.

- Chief of Staff met with the US PIRG National Director for the Textbook Affordability Campaign. Chief of Staff has readjusted campaign goals.

- Chief of Staff informs the body that Illinois PIRG will be having work blocks to spread a different Higher Ed. Issue, which is on the Pell Grant. For more information, please explore the following sites:

  https://www.ncan.org/404.aspx

  https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-your-reps-double-pell/

- Chief of Staff encourages members to review the following sites:

Textbook Affordability Petition
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/make-textbooks-affordable-21?source=direct_link&

Double Pell Petition
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-your-reps-double-pell/
Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

- Chairwoman met with CAN, Representative Malik and President Kumar to discuss Title IX plans.

- Chairwoman is working to implement a required leadership training for all organizations.

- Chairwoman met with Erin and Dr. Ellis to continue working on Title IX plans.

- Chairwoman met with UIC MSA to hear updates on their progress and future plans.

- Chairwoman will meet with CRU to plan for an upcoming religious event.

- Chairwoman attended ArabACC event on the importance of including MENA as a race category

- Chairwoman is working on ways to support the LCC in their initiative to raise awareness on environmental discrimination during COVID.

- Chairwoman informs the body that during the Committee meeting, members discussed newsletter plans and assigned tasks to work on regarding Be Aware Campaign and Title IX initiatives.

- Chairwoman encourages committees to have better communication between each other.

- Chairwoman informs the body regarding an upcoming event with CAN. This will take place on Wednesday at 3pm.

Rsvp at go.uic.edu/ShakeItUp03

- Chairwoman is working on an event for people to discuss tax returns.

- Chairwoman informs the body that the GEO is always prepared to strike and will be negotiating with the administration promptly.

Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair

- Chairwoman met with CAN to discuss action items and demands

- Chairwoman attended a meeting with IBHE and informs the body that the IBHE group focused on financial aid and grants.

- Chairwoman attended the CORE Group Meeting regarding ‘Lobbying Week’.
Chairwoman met with a civic engagement rep from Honors College to discuss future collaborations.

Chairwoman attended the MHC meeting and informs the body that the coalition will soon start analyzing survey data.

Chairwoman informs the body that during the committee meeting, members discussed action items regarding Title IX and future initiatives.

**Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair**

Chairwoman informs the body that she has delegated tasks to committee members.

Chairwoman met with the Chief of Staff to discuss how to improve the website.

Chairwoman will be working on creating a video to share on social media to inform students what USG has been working on.

Chairwoman is working on a resolution regarding merch initiative.

**Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair**

Chairwoman has completed the on-campus internship and research opportunities sheet.

Chairwoman has completed the Letter to the provost regarding the GPA recalculation policy.

Chairwoman met with the Chief of Staff to discuss the textbook affordability campaign.

Chairwoman is working with the Campus Life Committee and the Office of Sustainability to promote the Plastic-free Campaign.

Chairwoman discussed with Chief of Staff how to improve mandatory first-year seminar courses.

**Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair**

Chairwoman met with the Mental Health Coalition.

Chairwoman met with representative Crisman an President Kumar to discuss the UIC Honor Code. At the moment, USG is waiting for approval and revisions.

Chairwoman met with the Treasury Committee to discuss the funding for Care packages.

Chairwoman will be working with the Student Affairs Committee to reduce plastic use at UIC.
X. Old Business
   a. Resolution 2021-S3-1100

Resolution Passed

XI. New Business
   a. Resolution 2021-S2-802

This resolution will be voted next week

   b. Resolution 2021-S4-901

President calls for an Executive Order to vote this resolution tonight

Resolution Passed

XII. Items for Discussion
   a. USG Gift to Sport Teams

Chief of Staff proposes USG to give a gift to Sport Teams and asks the body for feedback/ideas.

XIII. Announcements

-President informs the body that there are multiple Black History Month events coming up this week. For more information, please explore the following website:

https://involvement.uic.edu/programs-events/cultural-heritage-programs/uic-black-history-month/

-Chief of Staff informs the body about volunteering with Illinois PIRG, for more information please contact Chief of Staff Almendras.

-Speaker of the house reminds the cabinet member to stay after the adjournment of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

8:29pm