Meeting 14th, 2020
Minutes Meeting

I. Call to Order
6:06pm

II. Roll Call
Committee Chairwoman Marian Udoetuk is absent
Student Trustee Jocelyn Bravo is absent

III. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
Approved

IV. Public Comment
No Public Comment

V. Ex Officio Reports
a. Report of the Advisor
No report
b. Report of the Student Trustee
Absent

VI. Old Business
No old Business

VII. New Business
a. Resolution 2020-F1-900
Executive Order to Expedite Voting
Voted
Passed
b. Resolution 2020-F1-1100
Will be voted next week
c. Resolution 2020-F1-1101
Will be voted next week
d. Resolution 2020-F1-1102
Executive Order to Expedite Voting
Voted
Passed
e. Resolution 2020-F1-401
Will be voted next week

VIII. Officer Reports
a. Report of the President
Racial Justice On Campus
- President welcomes all members and hopes everyone has had a good start to the semester.
- President has been continually advocating for racial justice in campus, president attends weekly meetings with Black student leaders, Abolition at UIC student group, and UIC GEO to discuss demands on campus and ongoing organizing strategies.
- President hosted a USG-led town hall on July 2nd with Chancellor Amiridis, Provost Poser, Vice Chancellor Tolliver, and Vice Chancellor Coronado to ensure student representation.
President facilitated the following reforms by working with Black Student Leaders: UIC PD oversight board, more UIC student patrols and less PD involvement (only for emergencies), changing the UIC alert system, UIC curriculum change for gen eds on systemic racism, ensuring the increased funding to the counselling center goes towards diversifying their staff, increased hiring diversity, enrollment and retention of Black students.

President participated on the Monitoring and Containment Working Group with admin, public health profs and infectious disease physicians to discuss COVID-19 monitoring, safety measures etc. Released a full draft report to Chancellor for testing, quarantine/isolation, tracking cases, messaging, and UIC responses to outbreak/when we will close classes.

President created positive quarantine protocols, such as a care manager, timely meal delivery, and counseling center support groups; Pushed for transparency in COVID-19 cases.

President stood against ‘student liability waiver’ and doorbell cameras in the quarantine dorms and reduced the number of courses on campus.

President held student Town hall; looking to hold future town halls with GSC and other student councils for updates throughout the semester.

President prepared an FAQs sheet on all of the new changes.

President worked with the Provost’s office to implement new tutoring system; centralizing tutoring and moving to an online platform.

President worked with CSI and Student Engagement on town hall for student leaders, to prepare ways to help student orgs + help students stay engaged on campus.

President launched a solidarity group between UICUF, UIC GEO, SEIU, and USG as the de facto student representation.

President is currently looking to make changes towards academic policy for the semester (‘Universal Pass’ system; eliminate webcam monitoring).

International Student Advocacy

President worked with International students to create a list of demands for protections; gathered 1,400 signatories and sent to campus administration.

President released a list of on-campus classes for registration purposes.

President created space for belonging and healing with the counseling center.

Title IX and Sexual Harassment on Campus

President worked with the Title IX coordinator and the task force to implement new Title IX regulations, with massive changes to the previous system.

Despite the framework, we created some new protections for survivors, such as adding a support person for cross-examinations, and increasing trainings for those involved in mediation/informal resolution.

President worked with a student working group to discuss these policy changes and receive input from students involved in Title IX advocacy or sexual harassment prevention advocacy.

Creating infographics, and videos to best disseminate information to the student body.
President is currently working with WLRC and CAN and DIC/PRC on ‘Movement Against Sexual Violence’ to produce yearlong programming around prevention of sexual harassment on campus.

b. Report of the Vice-President
-Met with Marshall Janevicius from the UIC John Marshall Law School's Student Bar Association for advice on legal issues.
-Vice-president is waiting to receive a list of wellness resources on campus from Josephine Volpe who is in charge of the iadvise system.
-Vice-president is currently working on creating student focus groups regarding mental health resources, vice-president welcomes suggestions.
-Vice-president is looking for students that would like to be part if the technical part of creating this survey.

c. Report of the Treasurer
-Treasurer informs the body that the budget has been divided and allocated.
-Treasurer is waiting for the Dean of Students Office to clarify questions about student workers.
-Treasurer expects the budget to be ready by next week.

d. Report of the Speaker
-Speaker met with Chief of Staff to discuss the constitution, the members’ responsibilities and time conflict solutions.
-Speaker met with the president to discuss virtual Robert’s rules, it will be expected for members to ‘raise their hand’ via zoom when they want to participate.
-Speaker and president also discussed the New Member Orientation which will take place on Friday 25th from 6-8pm.
-Speaker encourages cabinet members to attend for the training of new members.
-Speaker reminds all cabinet members to send their reports by Friday 11:59pm.

e. Report of the Chief of Staff
-Chief of staff is currently planning a townhall with student leaders.
-Chief of staff is working with the president and CSI to send a survey to students asking for their feedback on the past involvement fair.
-Chief of Staff met with the speaker to discuss changes to the constitution.
-Chief of Staff is planning a meeting with SAB.
-Chief of staff informs the body that the Graduate student council meeting is tomorrow.

f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
-Chairwoman is working with CAN on a campaign against sexual violence and will soon communicate with FSL board to amplify the campaign.
Chairwoman has ongoing meetings with the different cultural centers for collaborations. The next meeting will be with Dr. Zaatari from the ArAmCC to discuss support to the MENA campaign.

Chairwoman announced that the listserv for the Newsletter is ready and encourages members to share it.

Chairwoman reminds the body that We Belong will be happening this Monday at 11:00am.

Chairwoman thanks representative Villagomez for attending WLRC Open House.

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Chairwoman has sent a form regarding the Why We Vote Video to all members, chairwoman asks that all members complete the form as soon as possible. Similarly, chairwoman asks that those that do not want to participate communicate this as soon as possible.

Chairwoman asks that committee chairs send this link to all new members.

Chairwoman has been meeting with SAB, PIRG and the civil engagement office to work on voter retention. All interested members are welcome to join this effort.

h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair
Chairwoman has been updating all social media platforms. This included the application link and the introduction video.

Chairwoman has been working with CAN to co-host The Beginning of a New Journey: A Storytelling Circle.

Chairwoman has been working on Title IX graphics, planned to be done before Sept. 25th.

Chairwoman met with the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair regarding the “Why We Vote” video.

i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair
Absent
No report

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
Chairwoman informs that next week there will be a regular newsletter as this week there wasn’t

Chairwoman is working on the How To Ask For Help Workshop

Chairwoman is currently on a student complaint survey that facilitates communication with students.

Chairwoman compiled a list of questions for the Wellness Center and hopes the answers will be out soon.

Chairwoman thanks all members that participated in the virtual involvement fair.

IX. Items for Discussion
a. New Member Orientation
Will take place on September 25th from 6-8:00pm.

E-board members should attend.
b. WLRC and USG involvement
-Representative Aranda-Ortiz inquires on the participation that USG has had on WLRC events
-Chairwoman Hammad responds that USG is still in contact with the WLRC and continues to sponsor events.

X. Announcements
No Announcements

XI. Adjournment
7:26pm