Meeting Minutes  
February 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2021

I. Call to Order  
6:05pm

II. Roll Call  
Student Trustee Bravo absent  
Representative Selvaraj excused absence  
Representative Fernandes excused absence  
Representative Bi absent  
Representative Malik absent

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to add \textit{USG Collaboration with Sport Teams} as an item for discussion  
Motion voted  
Motion Passed

V. Public Comment  
No Public Comment

VI. Guest Speakers

1. President Sara Asif & Vice- President Ryan Zomorrodi  
   - Guest speakers represent the UIC Chess Club, the club requests USG to fund their merchandise initiative.  
   - The club requests $400 for 20 t-shirts.  
   - T-shirts would include the USG logo.

2. Latino Cultural Center  
   - Representatives of the Latino Cultural Center host a live virtual mural tour.

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

b. Report of the Student Trustee  
Absent  
No report

VIII. Officer Reports
a. Report of the President
- President met with the Honors College Dean to discuss our ongoing plans regarding grading changes, Respondus ban, Ethnic Studies Gen Ed, GPA recalculation, the Honor Code, and mental health days.
- President informs the body that the Ethnic Studies Proposal was reviewed by the administration and that there is still need for further clarification.
- President will be meeting with Dr. Swatscheno to complete funding of the Open Educational Resources program.
- President informs the body that the 21-Mental health point plan was completed and submitted last week.
- President met with Dean Ellis and DIC to review upcoming initiatives such as; implementing higher community standards, pushing for deputy chairs to shorten trial periods, and creating a new transformative justice position.
- President informs the body that the CAN event was hosted last Wednesday and that there were around 80 students who attended.
- President informs the body that the proposal for the crisis intervention team is completed and is being reviewed.
- President is working on reviewing nominations for the CSSLA program.

b. Report of the Vice-President
- Vice-president informs the body that the Mental Health Coalition survey has around 636 responses.
- Vice-president shares with the body relevant information regarding the survey results, for questions regarding the report, please contact the Vice-President.
- Vice-president will be meeting with the DRC, the Disability Cultural Center, and the Subcommittee on Disabled Student Experiences to discuss their relationship with the counseling center.
- Vice-president will be meeting with the Mental Health Task Force and with Dean Deanna to review the 21-Mental health point plan.
- Vice-president informs the body that regarding the Menstrual Hygiene Vending Machines initiative, to proceed, USG needs to contact building management to create an installation plan and must reach out to other departments to request funding.

c. Report of the Treasurer
- Treasurer informs the body that the resolution regarding the UIC Library collaboration will be voted on today.
- Treasurer is currently working on the logistics on how to transfer funds to support the UIC Open Textbook Faculty Incentive Program.
- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee met with the UIC Chess club to discuss a merchandise collaboration. This resolution will be presented today.
- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee will be meeting with the Sustainability department on Feb. 26th to discuss future collaborations.
- Treasurer informs the body that USG might collaborate with the Pre-Health Mentor Network.
- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee is working with LAUGH @ UIC to figure out the logistics of paying a guest speaker abroad.
- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee reached out to the Wellness Center to see how the Treasury Committee can help with their mental health workshops.
- Treasurer informs the body that the Treasury Committee will continue to reach out to organizations on campus to help undergraduate students.

**d. Report of the Speaker**
- Speaker met with the Chief of Staff to discuss USG matters, to create a guide for the Handbooks and to work on the Leadership Summit which is on Tuesday, Feb 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- Speaker met with the Treasurer regarding the Bidet Initiative and the speaker will join the DIC meeting to discuss it.
- Speaker informs the body that along with the Secretary, the speaker is now tracking attendance for committee meetings.
- Speaker informs the body that the committee preference form has been sent out! New members should fill it out before the deadline.
- Speaker met with interim speaker Taylor to teach her how to create a Meeting Packet

**e. Report of the Chief of Staff**
- Chief of Staff met with Speaker Stancheva to plan the Leadership Summit and create an outline for the USG Officer handbooks.
- Chief of Staff informs the body that the Textbook Affordability campaign had two successful action blocks last week, Illinois is in the lead for Student Leader signing the DoublePell petition.
- Chief of Staff met with interim speaker Taylor and Chairwoman Zhou to plan future collaborations with the UIC sports team.
- Chief of Staff joined the Treasury Committee meeting with UIC Chess Club President Sarah Asif and Vice President Ryan Zomorrodi to ask for merchandise funds.
- Chief of Staff promoted Student Involvement by doing an Instagram Live with @UICLAS.
- Chief of Staff will be doing a workshop on Microsoft Word this Wednesday at 1 PM CST.
- Chief of Staff will meet with Dr. Swatscheno, head librarian of the OER Program, with President Kumar to discuss the OER Program, how USG and Illinois PIRG can collaborate.
- Chief of Staff is working on getting access to a listserv so that USG can communicate with the whole student body.
- Chief of Staff will start to draft handbooks with executive officers in upcoming one-on-one meetings.
- Chief of Staff informs the body that the Open Education Week is next week, if you would like to volunteer please contact malmen2@uic.edu

**f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair**
- Chairwoman met with Dr. Ellis to speak about Title IX initiatives.
- Chairwoman is working on scheduling a meeting with Title IX coordinator.
- Chairwoman is working on Title IX resolutions and will be reviewing them with CAN and GEO.
- Chairwoman informs the body that the Shake It Up event had good attendance and facilitated enriching conversations regarding gender-based violence.
- Chairwoman contacted the Office of Vice Provost for Diversity about our Minority Student Rights event.
- Chairwoman contacted the Hindu Student Council and CRU for interfaith conversation hour.
- Chairwoman is working on Be Aware Infographics to be released, the first featured organization is Relief for Yemen.
- Chairwoman will be attending the ArabACC townhall on March 5, flyer to be released soon.
- Chairwoman will be contacting professors to inform them about LCC’s dialogue initiative.
- Chairwoman contacted the Counseling Center about their new initiative to raise awareness about mental health, chairwoman will be meeting with them on Tuesday at 9am.
- Chairwoman attended the meeting with cabinet members and advisors.
- Chairwoman informs the body that the Newsletter will be moving to CampusGroups, this allows the information to be sent via email.

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- Chairwoman is working on sexual assault action items, Chairwoman will be meeting with Title IX on Wednesday.
- Chairwoman is working with the Honors College to plan future collaborations.
- Chairwoman attended the Mental Health Coalition to do Data Analysis.
- Chairwoman met with the Chief of Staff to discuss USG matters and USG handbooks.
- Chairwoman informs the body that the Legislative Affairs Committee might not meet next week to focus on midterms.
- If interested in being interviewed regarding your student leadership experience, please contact the Chairwoman.

h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair
- Chairwoman uploaded Meeting 4 to USG’s Youtube Channel.
- Chairwoman cancelled the PRC meeting due to family situations.
- Chairwoman wasn’t able to attend the Executive Board Meeting due to class, Chairwoman will be meeting with Advisor Parker to catch up on the items discussed.
- Chairwoman created a template to share information on USG’s Instagram.
- Chairwoman is working on creating a design for the Library lockers Initiative.
- Chairwoman will be presenting the USG merchandise resolution today.

i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair
- Chairwoman had a committee meeting on Friday, members brainstormed ideas to ease the transition from online learning to in-person learning.
- Chairwoman informs the body that representative Aranda-Ortiz is working with the Office of Equity to review disciplinary actions.
- Chairwoman met with Michelle to share resources to assist in the plastic-free effort.
- Chairwoman is working on requiring professors to turn on CC during classes.
- Chairwoman is working on supporting the Get Vaccinated Campaign to educate the student body regarding the Codic-19 vaccine.

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
- Chairwoman informs the body that the Committee meetings time changed from Tuesday 6:15-7:15 to Thursday 4:00-5:00
- Chairwoman met with Tegha to discuss Office of Sustainability and zero waste initiatives.
- Chairwoman met with interim speaker and Chief of Staff to discuss sports teams collaborations.
-Chairwoman is working on making the Dinner Hall more inclusive.

**IX. Old Business**

a. Resolution 2021-S4-802

-Resolution was voted

-Resolution passed

**X. New Business**

a. Resolution 2021-S5-1000

-Resolution will be voted next week.

b. Resolution 2021-S5-803

-Resolution has been tabled.

c. Resolution 2021-S5-403

-Resolution will be voted next week.

**XI. Items for Discussion**

1. **Behavioral Mental Health Crisis Counseling Team**

   The body will discuss this item next week.

2. **GPA Recalculation Policy**

   Chairwoman Obire presents the letter sent to the administration regarding GPA recalculation.

3. **USG Collaboration with Sport Teams**

   Chief of Staff and Interim Speaker are working on initiatives that allow a collaboration with the Sports Teams.

**XIV. Announcements**

No announcements

**XV. Adjournment**

8:59pm