Meeting Minutes  
October 26th, 2020

I. Call to Order  
6:04pm

II. Roll Call  
Student Trustee Bravo is absent  
Representative Abdelsalam is absent  
Representative Vilvasigamani - absence is void because they attended the International Caucus  
Representative Fernandes - absence is void because they attended the International Caucus  
Representative Suresh has excused absence

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to table resolution 2020-F06-1104  
Second  
Voted  
Motion Passed

Motion to add an item for discussion, centralized platform for UIC.  
Second  
Voted  
Motion Passed

Motion to add an item for discussion, Counseling Center Ruth George Memorial  
Second  
Voted  
Motion Passed

Agenda Approved

V. Public Comment  
No Public Comment

VI. Guest Speakers  
No guest speakers

VII. Ex Officio Reports  
a. Report of the Advisor  
-Advisor Parker reminds all members that they should send their academic eligibility form before the end of the week.

b. Report of the Student Trustee
Student Trustee Bravo is absent

VIII. Officer Reports
a. Report of the President
- President put together a letter in response to Admin on Racial Equity at UIC with the members of the ‘Good Trouble Coalition’.
- President attended the Academic Senate Meeting, in this meeting, members voted in favor of producing best practices on Respondus, we will be following up with Provost’s office on this. Senate also voted down an earlier petition for CR/NC, Provost plans to send a mass mail regarding this. Finally, the provost is moving back the withdrawal date.
- President met with another Student Senator from the Senate Exec Committee to talk about our Academic Senate campaigns this year (Respondus, Grading Policy changes, Ethnic studies requirement Tuition reduction). They will help our campaigns, provided important research and alumni connections to help get support for Ethnic studies and Grading policy change, mentioned tuition reduction should be back on the table and looking for audits of costs for in-person vs online, and gave feedback on our Universal Pass proposal.
- President informs the body that the Provost’s panel may be cancelled as we have not heard back from them.
- President met with Working Group on post-Election programming, consisting of Office of Diversity, SLCE, Wellness Center, Counseling Center, Cultural Centers, to host a series of events for reflection and processing around election – regardless of the results.
- President informs the body that USG advocated for flu shots at external sites to be added on campus care, and they are now completing the contract for this.

b. Report of the Vice-President
- Vice-president informs the body that the mental health coalition is importing student survey into Qualtrics
- The taskforce is waiting on Ms. Volpe to send the survey to faculty
- The taskforce is creating a document of all possible resources on campus and what we know about them, vice-president asks the body that if they know of resources that have helped, please share this with her.
- Vice-president is also working on creating an infographic about what steps we have taken towards the safety of our campus.
- Vice-president informs the body that Bonfire responded saying they don’t want a paid position that is funded by USG, but is still interested in building a relationship
- Vice-president spoke with Daniela, secretary, about setting up vending machines that house menstrual hygiene products and how we can repurpose mask dispensers in a post COVID campus. Vice-president is reaching out to orgs on campus to gather their input
- Vice-president is reaching out to UIUC ISG to understand their most recent resolution regarding Human Rights Violations, University Investments and Police Forces
- Vice-president is participating in facilitating a week-long series of events regarding minorities in academia

c. Report of the Treasurer
- Treasurer has a meeting with Abigail the Logistics Head for the Honors College Ball to discuss funding.
- Treasurer has a meeting with Daisy and Matthew regarding USG Social funding.
- Treasurer sent the email to Rex Toliver for the external organization budget increase.
- Mask and Sanitizer purchases have been halted until either USG Advisors agree or the PRC Committee reaches a conclusion with John Coronodo who is the VP assigned to address UIC’s COVID response.
- Treasurer will keep reaching out to other organizations for funding.

d. Report of the Speaker
- Speaker reminds members to turn in the USG Academic Eligibility Form ASAP! If not, your membership could be revoked.
- Speaker will be in touch with the ACCC to inquire about the representatives who don’t have access to Box
- Speaker met with almost every Representative. Here are some highlights:
  - Representatives seem generally happy with the performance of the E-Board
  - Most Representatives rated us at 9/10, with some 8/10 and 10/10s
  - Areas of improvement: E-Board can sometimes be hard to get in touch
  - Lack of communication between eboard
  - USG needs a lot more promo because students don’t know we exist or don’t know what we do for them
  - Ethnic studies requirement
  - Adding more religious holidays to the USG Religious Holidays calendar
  - Involving USG in sustainable causes
  - USG spirit wear day
  - Students are pushing for CR/NC but administration doesn’t listen
  - More social events
  - UIC needs to respond to student concerns faster instead of telling them to contact someone else
  - Spread news about international students more
  - USG members need to be more flexible with and accepting of the international caucus
  - Campus safety is still an issue because UIC doesn’t notify people about all crimes on campus
  - Provide minority students with more resources like mental health help

- Speaker met with Matthew and discussed the USG Social, they will do a poll to figure out everyone’s availability
- Will discuss USG Social ideas during Items for Discussion
- Speaker yields remaining time to Matthew who discusses the social coming up on the first week of November.

e. Report of the Chief of Staff
- Chief of staff met with Fred and Marc from Office of Engagement to discuss the Student Engagement Townhall: “Candid Conversations”, scheduled for Friday the 13th
- Chief of staff had the second meeting with Conduct Board: They have shared their data with me. If interested, please ask the chief of staff to share this with you.
- Met with President.
f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
-Chairwoman attended Shake It Up! This event was facilitated by Campus Advocacy Network, Chairwoman states that USG must have a direct intervention in protecting rights of students and claims that our campaign against sexual violence will make a difference.
-Chairwoman informs that USG is still waiting on Christina from CAASE to confirm a time/date.
-Chairwoman informs that Committee member, Sarah Malik, is conducting research on how UIC can adopt other policies to protect students. We will discuss our findings with CAN and plan a direct impact.
-Chairwoman will be planning a meeting with Erin O'Callaghan to discuss how the university can better assist students in an incident of sexual harassment and talk more about plans that her previous university has adopted.
-Chairwoman sent emails to JMLS professors, Abolition at UIC and NLG to ask if they could facilitate our Know Your Rights: Police & Protesting.
-Chairwoman has the first committee meeting and states that she is thankful for the members showing enthusiasm and for being highly invested in our work.
-Chairwoman informs the body that the Diversity & Inclusion Committee Deputy Chair position goes to Rohan Suresh.
-Chairwoman attended Conversation Hour, it had very low turnout as no one registered. We will be discussing with the Counseling Center how to better advertise the event. We will also be discussing their plans for Ruth George memorial and how USG will be part of it.
-Chairwoman informs that fliers for Flu Vaccine Campaign are being distributed on east campus.

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
-Chairwoman met with Aitanna to discuss voting content.
-Chairwoman informs the body that Early Voting is happening on Campus this week.
-Chairwoman met with the IBHE to discuss future collaborations.
-Chairwoman encourages members to join us at the Early Voting - Party to the Polls Event!
-Chairwoman met with her committee to discuss future initiatives and projects.

h. Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair
-Chairwoman Met with Dahlya to discuss content for voting.
-Met with deputy chair on Friday to discuss the USG website.
-Chairwoman is considering making more personalized PRC Apparel.
-Calendar will be on website soon.
-Attended a CAN event and asked CAN to spread message of Virtual Art Gallery initiative.
-Completed title IX images after received feedback.
-Met with PRC committee on Monday to discuss social media strategy.

i. Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair
-Chairwoman had the first student affairs committee meeting, they went over introductions and talked about initiatives that each representative wanted to explore.
-Chairwoman informs that they might be changing the time of our meetings if it doesn’t work for everyone.
-Chairwoman has been reviewing different voter guides and information about the different types of voting. Please find attached a well rounded non partisan website that allows for people.
to view who and what is on your ballot as well as some background info on each.
www.ballotready.com

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
-Chairwoman met with Mental Health Coalition and is continuing to work on website, looking into mental health resources/courses
-Chairwoman met with President of UIC Hillel to discussed USG duties and future collaborations.
-Chairwoman received notice from Joshua, regarding the care packages, we will need around 20-30
-Chairwoman informs the body that during the last committee meeting, members created a list of goals and initiatives for CLC this year
-Chairwoman informs the body that the Deputy chair position goes to representative Quinton.

IX. Old Business
a. Resolution 2020-F06-1103
Voted
Passed

b. Resolution 2020-F5-403 X.
Motion to table this resolution until next week
Second
Voted
Passed

New Business
a. Resolution 2020-F07-1105
Will be voted Next Week

XI. Items for Discussion
a. USG Social
-Week of November 9th
-For suggestions please contact Interim speaker

b. centralized platform for UIC.
-Mathew presents an idea to create a new app that becomes a centralized platform for UIC.
-For further details, please contact Mathew.

c. Counseling Center Ruth George Memorial
-Counseling center is planning an event or initiative to honor Ruth George.
-For ideas or further information, please contact Chairwoman Hammad

XII. Announcements
-SAB is hosting a Drive-In movie event this Thursday.
-Head Space Is only $9.99 a year.
-Remember to use the writing center and book tutors!

XIII. Adjournment
8:16pm