Minutes Meeting
Sept 28, 2020

I. Call to Order
6:05pm

II. Roll Call
Representative Samprithi Vilvasigamani is absent
Representative Suresh has excused absence

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
Motion to remove resolution Resolution 2020-F3-901
Motion Passed
Approved

V. New Member Welcome
a. Oath of Office
New members completed the Oath of Office

b. Brief Overview of Powers and Responsibilities
Speaker of the House discusses the powers and responsibilities of new members
All students are now able to vote

VI. Public Comment
No Public Comment

VII. Guest Speakers
a. Martin Tully
Speaker Martin Tully is absent

VIII. Ex Officio Reports
a. Report of the Advisor
Adviser Keith Ellis is experiencing technical difficulties and might not be able to join.

b. Report of the Student Trustee
- Student Trustee welcomes new members to the body
- Student Trustee is part of the Public Safety Board, this board had its first meeting on Thursday and members discussed the goals and plans for the board.
- Student Trustee will be a panelist for the University Senate Conferences annual retreat on Sept 29th and 30th. Before this retreat, the Student Trustee contacted multiple student leaders that are combating systemic racism to mention their efforts in the retreat.
- Student Trustee has been working on creating a job posting for Assistant Chief of Staff and once it is posted it will be shared with the body.
IX. Officer Reports

a. Report of the President

- President has been working on multiple Racial Justice issues on campus. Along with our Student Trustee they have joined the Public Safety Board which is revising policing at UIC.
- President has attended GEO and BGSA organizing meetings. President joined their “Good Trouble Coalition” which combats systemic racism at UIC.
- President remind the body that the previously mentioned meetings and the Abolition at UIC meetings are opened to all students and if interested, members can reach out to the president for future information.
- President attended a UIC Police Department tour which allowed the president to understand the inner operation of the department.
- President has been planning a Campus Conversation on Public Safety on October 6th from 6-8pm, in this meeting, students will be able to discuss alternatives to policing, there will be a panel of students and faculty. Both Chancellor and Admin will be attending.
- President informs the body that USG will be collaborating with the Provost’s office to host a faculty ‘mixer’ where students share their best practices on online learning. This event will be on October 20th from 4:30-6:00pm. If interested, please contact the president or Chairwoman Udoteuk.
- President has been helping to interview candidates for the Dean of Libraries.
- President informs the body that our resolution resolution on USG’s solidarity with the SEIU73 and INA workers strike to the Chancellor’s office has been sent.
- President informs the body that the College Students Meeting Congress kicked off last week. This is a U of I system federal lobbying program and the President thanks all students that attended.
- President met with UIC Census and Chairwoman El-Adawe to promote and collaborate on their final efforts for census outreach
- President remind the body to fill out your census by October 31st! Or earlier!
- President encourages the body to attend the PIRG voter registration kickoff event, the Greek Org Voter Registration drive and to register to vote!
- President informs the body that the USG Budget is ready and encourages the body to start think about funding emergency relief, mask dispensers, quarantine housing and other projects.
- President reminds the body that the New Member Orientation will be this week.
- President met with the Student Activities Board to discuss co-hosting an event where we bring a speaker, possibly, Angela Davis.
- President met with the Grad Student Council to discuss how to co-host BLM programming at UIC.

b. Report of the Vice-President

- Vice-president has been working on the Mental Health Coalition to create a cohesive system for student to find Mental Health Resources on Campus.
- Vice-President attended a Mental Health Symposium for all universities at the U of I system, this was unfortunately more directed to faculty members. However, it allowed to ask questions to the administration.
- UIC is enrolled in a trial for a Mental health App, for more information, please go to our Instagram page.
- Vice-president informs the body that the Faculty survey will be sent out soon to collect resources that are sent out to students for their mental health.

c. **Report of the Treasurer**  
-Treasurer has completed the budget and it is ready to be voted on today  
-Treasurer will start creating a Deputy Treasurer Application Process

d. **Report of the Speaker**  
-Speaker welcomes new representatives  
-Speaker asks all representatives to check your name on the agenda, if there is a change needed please email the speaker.  
-Speaker sent the link to the USG Box Account, all members should have access to it and if any member is unable to access box, please contact the speaker.  
-Speaker created and shared the USG zoom Background for all members to use.  
-Speaker has scheduled a meeting with all members of the cabinet, these are mandatory for all members of the cabinet.  
-Speaker plans to schedule meetings with representatives in the near future.  
-Speaker updated the Bylaws by revising the 2019-2020 resolutions.  
-Speaker will be introducing two new resolutions that amend the Bylaws.  
-Speaker informs the body that the Committee Preference From will be sent out this week, it is required for all representatives, it is first come first serve and it is due on Monday October 5th by 6:00pm.  
-Speaker reminds the members that we will have our New Member Orientation on Thursday 30th from 7-9pm. This is mandatory for new members and we will go over all USG logistics.

e. **Report of the Chief of Staff**  
-Chief of Staff welcomes all new members and wishes luck to the two members that will be participating today.  
-Chief of Staff informs the body that the FSL meeting email has been sent, the goal is to increase voter registration.  
-Chief of staff has a meeting with the Chairwoman of student life to discuss sending care packages to students that are quarantined on campus. This is also a good way to share the We Belong event.  
-Chief of Staff informs the body that the Faculty senate meeting was on the 23rd, the provost office assigned USG the duty of creating and sending a survey regarding how to improve academic honesty.  
-Chief of Staff reminds the body that on October 20th, students will be able to give feedback to the faculty. Chief of Staff will be discussing his experience as an international student on this event.  
-Chief of Staff reminds the body that we recently had the Student Meeting Congress event, in this meeting the students were able to meet US Representative Rodney Davis and discuss Immigration Reform, Funding for Research and COVID-19 relief.

f. **Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair**
Chairwoman was able to set up a meeting with AfAmCC and ArAmCC for Wednesday September 30th at 1:00pm to discuss the planning of the Know Your Rights event which will focus on Police and Protesting. Chairwoman invites other committees to collaborate.

Chairwoman and the president met with Sherry Krsticevic who is a Public Information Associate in the office of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, they are leading a flu vaccine campaign. Their goal is to reach as many students as possible.

Chairwoman informs the body that they will be reaching out to pre-health organization and to the wellness center for collaboration. More information will be shared once all details are finalized.

Chairwoman continues to work on the Title IX infographics. These will be released in October and during this time, the chairwoman will meet with FSL and CAN to further plan details of the campaign.

Chairwoman informs the body that the event *Shake It Up: Whose Lives Matter* will be happening October 7th from 3-4:30

Chairwoman informs the body that the USG Newsletter has been successfully sent out through the Listserv!

g. **Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair**

Chairwoman welcomes new member to the body

Chairwoman has been meeting with the president, the chief of staff and the chairwoman Udoetuk to plan future programs and projects.

Chairwoman informs the body that she has been working on an event that encourages students to vote on the next elections.

Chairwoman welcomes ideas for future projects, if there are ideas, please reach out to the chairwoman.

Chairwoman has also been working on creating a video titled *why we vote*; all members will receive a script and the chairwoman expects the videos to be sent as soon as possible.

h. **Report of the Public Relations Committee Chair**

Chairwoman has been updating the webpage with upcoming events and meetings.

Chairwoman has had problems adding a calendar to the website but the chairwoman will be reaching out to RED which is the system that UIC uses for official website.

Chairwoman has been working on ordering USG Merchandise, Chairwoman has contacted the athletics department but has not received any response. Chairwoman will be reaching out to other individuals at the department.

i. **Report of the Student Affairs Committee Chair**

Chairwoman welcomes all new members

Chairwoman participated in Lobby week which allowed her to learn more about congress and directly communicate with her congresswoman. This gave the Chairwoman the possibility to advocate for international students, gun control and support for the university. Also, chairwoman was able to learn more about the racist history of the policy.

Chairwoman met with the Chairwoman of Legislative Affairs to discuss the Black at UIC initiative to finalize the details.
Chairwoman encourages the body complete the census as soon as possible as the deadline might be moved.
Chairwoman has been working with the president in the planning of the Faculty Mixer and encourages interested members to reach out to her via email.

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
- Chairwoman met with the Graduate Student Council and discussed the possibilities of meetings with all UIC Councils.
- Chairwoman met with the Mental Health task force and it is currently researching how to create an assessable webpage with multiple mental health resources.
- Chairwoman has been communicating the wellness center as informs the body that there will be a student panel on October 14th, Chairwoman encourages new members to contact her if they are interested in participating.
- Chairwoman has been working on a Student Complain Survey, will finalize this when committee members are assigned.
- Chairwoman has been working on sending Care Packages for quarantined students in campus. This will include COVID supplies and merch.

X. Vacancy Seat Election
Prospective Representatives that are scheduled to present:
Jada Nneji
Alfredo Ruiz
Liliana Jaber
Rohan Pinjani
Sophia Lopez

Students that were present and gave their speeches:
Jada Nneji
Alfredo Ruiz

Students Voted in:
Jada Nneji
Alfredo Ruiz
Both completed the USG oath and have now vote.

XI. Old Business
a. Resolution 2020-F1-1100
   Voted
   Passed
b. Resolution 2020-F1-1101
   Voted
   Passed
c. Resolution 2020-F1-401
   Voted
   Passed
XII. New Business
   a. Resolution 2020-F2-800
      Resolution will be voted next week
   b. Resolution 2020-F3-902
      c. Resolution will be voted next week

XIII. Items for Discussion
   a. New Member Orientation
      Wednesday 30th from 7-9pm
      This will be a complete overview about all the logistics that are important to be a successful USG member.
   b. Committee Preference Form
      Will be sent tonight
      First come First Serve
      Please fill them out as soon as possible

XIV. Announcements
   There is a presidential debate watching party so join it if possible

XV. Adjournment
   8:12pm