I. Call to Order
   ● Commenced at 6:06 PM

II. Roll Call
   ● Taken and documented by Secretary Thnaibat

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
   ● Approved, no changes to the minutes

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
   ● Almendras motions to add discussion over Title IX Committee to the agenda--approved and passed

V. Public Comment
   ● No public comment

VI. Guest Speakers
   A. Quad Redesign: Dave Taeyaerts & Jonathan Fair
      ● Speaker presents their own presentation for the General Body, which, within is a general overview of what the quad looks like currently
      ● They show that in 2015, after completed surveys on the focus of a quad transformation, that, since then, they have begun efforts to add more greenery and seating areas, convenience and comfortability within this newly devised plan:
         ○ Central lawn as main change, according to their presentation, is from a survey (student survey results), that would be the greatest change to make a more “green space”
      ● Feedback opportunities from this masterplan that greenlighted the plan:
         ○ Town halls
         ○ Online forms and...
         ○ A design review committee
      ● The site plan-concept phase of the presentation includes…
         ○ Bosque for shade
         ○ Heritage gardens
         ○ Outdoor outlets
         ○ Firepit
         ○ Outdoor permanent furnishing
      ● Core of their project: sustainability→ embodying sustainability through this site plan→ water use, vegetation, permeable pavement, rain garden, and help with storm runoff (more drainage).
      ● Main concerns they address:
         ○ how would this be used for protests and voices being heard: this would still be a place to democratize student voices, the grass, that has a hard, flat surface foundation beneath, would not inhibit this
         ○ Accessibility for those with motorized chairs
            ■ They looked to other open lawn spaces in the city, and they are following the main ADA guidelines that the city already gives those open lawn spaces

   ● Discussion/Question/Comments
Chair Almendras: Notes and qualifies on how permeable sidewalks are important. Additionally, chairman also questions the seating design increase/decrease of seating space
  - Presenters (P): About 100% potential, not even taking into account the addition of tables and outdoor furnishing they will put in (aside from benching areas)

COS Donners: How far along is this project? What percentage of the way in this lockup is it, and if it isn’t, when will this be and is handed off, what is expected to change?
  - P: The Chancellor's goal is to begin construction in the Spring Semester (2022). This will be a standard design bill...not a lot of room without significant cost but they are always looking to make improvements and changes

Rep. Haque: In regards to the flowing (walking) traffic, how feasible is this during the wintertime?
  - P: The main person responsible for snow removal (Department/Facilities Management) was an integral part of this project; they ensured that this area will be completely plowed-- to which the Dean of Student Affairs is also on board with this idea (even brings in the idea that a possible ice-skating area would be a pleasant feature during the winter season).

Rep. Cesar: How would this work for students who take classes during the summer?
  - P: They will try to make sure that classes will not be put in the lecture centers, given the loud noise and everything else involved with the construction.

Student Trustee Mal: Total price cost of the entire redesign?
  - P: With the improvements and refinements that keep getting added into the masterplan (materials, furnishing, etc.), they are not completely sure yet

Rep. Blin: How is flooding taken into account with the gravel?
  - P: At the lawn space there will be a full draining system, AND there will be a slight slope to encourage this as well. Rain garden, too, will help with stormwater retention

Chairperson Celestino: In terms of accessibility, how will this be conducive, not only for those who are mobilized, but for visually impaired folks as well
  - P: The lawn space is continuous, and barrier-free, also there will be a warning strip put in place to warn those with cane needs.

Rep Rose: Electrical outlets→ how will these be implemented and be protected against any harsh conditions (e.g., rain).
  - P: Weather enclosed housing to access the outlets, but the outlets themselves have a GFCI to prevent water that might comprise the circuit to just immediately cut it out→ note:
design criteria is in the instance where this is no flooding, but there will be that extra safety blanket of protection

○ Rep. Irlbacker: How about the covering (the shade)?
  ■ P: They have been trying to find a product that was not cost prohibitive that can be durable for a long time; they tackled shading through the vegetation that will be added in there.

○ President Nidamanuri: In addition to the permanent outdoor fixture, will there be movable outdoor furnishing for students that want to feel more comfortable?
  ■ They eliminated the idea of movable furniture because this could be a hazard and block walkways; if they wanted to add this in, they would have to study this further; for the involvement fair and outside events, the Meetings and Conferences People, they said that they would accommodate and add in anything else that these events might need on their behalf if requested

○ Rep Basta: where would the light fixtures be in proximity to the center lawn; what about implementing solar polar, too?
  ■ P: Solar power is not necessarily considered, but light fixtures are going to be set at a safe distance to where the students’ seating will be.

○ Chair Celestino: You mentioned how there have been concerns about this project, was this from years prior (2015 survey) or in the recent planning of this?
  ■ P: The consistent concerns that we have received from years prior within moving with the design; service/emergency vehicles, circulation of walking traffic, etc.
    ● Chair Celestino: big concerns that they have received: lack of accessibility, not able for students to not make up the space there for protesting, not accessible for the visually impaired; cultural centers are concerned.
      ○ P: Hard underlying surface meets the ADA guidelines, and has worked for more than 20 years for outdoor lawn spaces with these guidelines, which has been met at millennium park; they feel they have hit all of the main concerns, and that with every project they bring up, there will always be concerns from students
    ● Chair Celestino: How would this information be given to the study body?
      ○ P: They will talk to the Vice Chancellor, and hopefully the office of Student Affairs will
be able to work on this, too, to make this happen.

- USG Member (on Zoom, did not state who they were): The last survey that was done was in 2015, any newer surveys that will be put out?
  - P: Nope!
- Chairperson Guerrero: Can you elaborate more on the “net zero water building” on campus point for sustainability?
  - Reducing carbon footprint, LED lights (more sustainable), zero waste, no waste on water resources, etc.

- End of the presentation and discussion, main contact for any architecture/design questions: jonfair@uic.edu

B. Kara Holloway, Director of Scholarships Business

- Guest speaker goes over the importance of applying for FAFSA, the ways in which this is done, the significance of finding scholarships (through UIC), and gives very helpful websites
  - isac.org
  - Snap.uic.edu OR uic.academicworks.com
- It is important to answer all of these question→ automatch applications, data that can be added from general applications, and will apply in those automatch situations; if your answer matches a certain situation, then your application will be submitted to THAT opportunity is most relevant to
- Kara Holloway is located in student financial aid and scholarship offices at 1200 West Harrison in the student services building→ scholarshiphelp@uic.edu

VII. Old Business

- No old business

VIII. New Business

- No new business

IX. Items for Discussion

- Added in from the amendments: Title IX Committee Idea pitch by Student Trustee Mal:
  - wants to form a committee on this, because we do not already have a task force in USG dedicated to spreading the awareness on this
  - Question/Discussion
    - Chair Almendras clarifies on the essence and function of the committee: would work with the Title IX department for UIC to ensure that UIC students and orgs are being upheld to these standards and requirements
    - Rep. Mehta: What was the reason to create this committee, and why is this just a subcommittee/ad hoc committee?
      - Chair Almendras: This would encompass Title IX resources, which is what the student trustee is working on, too
○ Rep. Bi: Can you please elaborate on the incident of the Title IX from last year and the whereabouts of those plans that had been worked on within the Diversity and Inclusion Committee?
  ■ Rep. Malik: as working with previous chair DIC on Title IX, the plan was to formulate a workshop to where all the fraternities and sororities (and of course, other student orgs) are aware of what is in Title IX, to make every org on campus mandatory to attend a Title IX workshop, sit there, and learn on the consequences of it.
○ Secretary Thnaibat: What ultimately led to the stop on this initiative, then?
  ■ Rep. Malik: Fell through because of a lack of communication on the department’s end, and because the previous chair (former Chair Hammad) is no longer a part of USG to be continuing to work on this
    ● Thnaibat asks Chair Almendras: can we rehash this idea for the new subcommittee?
      ○ Chair: We of course need approval from the president first on all of this.
○ Rep. Omoniyi: how many people would be allowed
  ■ Pres Nidamanuri: is open to this subcommittee, however, no cap on it, AND it should be
○ Speaker Taylor notes that the whereabouts on the Title IX is in the annual report for USG
○ Chair Guerrero: we should put this on hold for the moment because they do not know if their members are passionate about Title IX, but from afterwards
○ COS Donners: Asking Almendras, is everything we talked about now then, on what we worked on last year, is this what Lavleen wanted to work on then? What were his ideas?
  ■ He was unaware of the Title IX initiatives of last year, but Almendras is meeting with him
○ Rep Cesar: work with students and folks outside of USG?
  ■ Almendras: could be beneficial
  ■ Pres Nidamnuri: internal ad hoc committees are limited to members only, but if you want those outside of USG, you would then just create task forces
    ■ Almendras: they will share this conversation with

X. Ex Officio Reports
   A. Report of the Advisor
      ● Nothing to report
   B. Report of the Student Trustee
      ● Student trustee TWO liaison position to help connect the student trustee to the four bodies of UIC—reach out to him if interested!
      ● First lady Jill Biden will be at the Mexican American museum tomorrow (Tuesday, October 12th)!

XI. Officer Reports
   A. Report of the President
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
B. Report of the Vice-President
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
C. Report of the Treasurer
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
D. Report of the Speaker
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
E. Report of the Chief of Staff
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
F. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
• Note the change that for the headshot event, this has been SECURED--different than what was written in their report, emphasizes that once the sign-up sheet is out, to sign up ASAP!
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
G. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
H. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
I. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed
• Additionally, there is an important piece of document beneath the Student Success Committee Chair’s Report on “Z-degrees”: Zero Textbook Cost Degree Programs; important data within this in regards to the matter, and the Chair notes that this is significant for all students to read this (as this pertains to them as well).
J. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
• Report read in full, no further detail or comments/questions; please refer to meeting packet for the full report → report filed

XII. Announcements
• Secretary Thnaibat: MAPS hosting Minorities in Academia week during week of 11/8; tune in!!
• Chairperson Celestino: School of Music performance on Thursday; FREE;
• SOH Taylor: Rep. Maeve Riordan has her Senior Night on Sunday!!!