Minutes of Meeting 1 (S1) - 8/30/21

I. Call to Order
   ● Commenced at 6:02 PM

II. Roll Call
   ● Attendance taken by Secretary Thnaibat

III. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
   ● No changes

IV. Public Comment
   ● No comment

V. Guest Speakers
   ● No guest speakers

VI. New Business
   a. Resolution 2021-F1-400
      ● Presented by Chairperson Pettineo
      ● Discussion/comments over the Resolution:
         ○ Chairperson Almendras asked if this would be voted for... to which
           the President motioned by executive order to be voted for at this
           meeting
         ○ Voted for: The Resolution passed! The Ayes have it.
   b. Resolution 2021-F1-800
      ● President read resolution on behalf of the (at the time, absent) treasurer
      ● Any questions or concerns regarding the resolution
      ● Executive order to vote on this tonight
         ○ Guerrero had a question about whether the stipend was increased
           from last year for the Secretary
            ■ President said yes
         ○ Almendras asked if we had
      ● Voted for- all voting members voted aye
   c. Resolution 2021-F1-301
      ● Chairperson Almendras read the resolution
      ● Discussion/Questions
         ○ Nguyen asked who these materials are given to, specifically
            ■ Almendras responded that these will be distributed to the
              student body in SCE if they would need these materials
            ○ Nguyen asked if the USG still had supplies that had
              not been given out the year, to which Almendras
              responded there were no materials left.
         ● COS Donners asked if we should be giving so much money to items like
           styluses
            ○ Almendras said that he had asked people on their preferences on
              what items that their committee should be buying, and that
              students were not opposed to the idea of styluses.
AMENDMENT WAS MADE by Almendras to date of “First Reading” to August 30th, instead of August 31st, as well as amendment to the date of “voting” to be August 30th instead of September 6, 2021.

- Vote to amend- The vote to amendment passed!
  The ayes have it.
- President motioned an executive order to vote on this Resolution tonight
  - The resolution passed. The ayes have it.
- Report filed

VIII. Items for Discussion
- none

VIII. Ex Officio Reports
  a. Report of the Advisor
  - No Report

b. Report of the Student Trustee
  - No report other than an update that he will be assigned to boards for other committees outside of USG and will provide information on this furthermore, as he will ask if anyone would like to be a part of the committees.
  - Said that if anyone has any questions, to just reach out to him

IX. Officer Reports
  a. Report of the President
  - Discussed how he and the Executive Board members went over some new roles and responsibilities for the e-board in the e-board meeting
  - The budget discussed with the treasurer has been voted on this evening
  - Wants to reduce redundant fees for students
  - Mental health resources-- incoming students that don't recognize the resources UIC has and the wait time for a counselor- these kinds of issues to tackle
  - Speak to the admin. To expand these resources
  - Quality of education, in his findings, were lower, and to make campus a bigger thing, the mental health of students, too, had depleted.
  - No questions on the report!
  - Report of the president filed

b. Report of the Vice-President
  - Read a quote for inspiration for the involvement fair for this week
  - VP went over his report, greater detail is already specified within the VP's report. Reference Report of the VP within Meeting Packet 1 for more information
  - Went into greater detail about the Bandana project that is used for mental health resources that destigmatizes outreach for those who suffer from mental health issues
    - Wants to expand this for a possible outreach/initiative project for USG
  - He pronounced that he joined the Student Advisory Board and that he will give us further updates on this in the near future
  - Questions:
Chairperson Fernandes questioned what the meeting with the chancellor was for.
- The Vice President clarified that the meeting with the chancellor was to introduce the new administration of the USG to explain his goals for UIC so that they will be on board with these ideas.

- Report of the VP filed

c. Report of the Treasurer
- Went over his report, reference the report of the treasurer's report in the meeting packet for greater detail
- No additions were made to the report
- And no questions or concerns were asked/said
- Report Filed

d. Report of the Speaker
- She emphasized that students in Pre-Law/Poli Sci classes NEED to spread the word about USG
- Emphasized on the date for upcoming applicants for USG
- Emphasized on the second GBM being on a TUESDAY instead of next Monday, due to labor day
- Added in that for those who will be tuned in virtually, to be engaging at least a little more, whether that’s turning on cameras, their microphones or whatever.
  - If any problems with this is to occur, to let the Speaker of the House know about this ahead of time
- Report Filed

e. Report of the Chief of Staff
- Worked with the President and Vice President on structural changes for the E-board positions' roles
- Is currently working on a new point system for the reps-- and said this will be brought up later on so that we can vote for it
- Let the USG know that he is now meeting with the vice chancellor
- Coordinated with Public Affairs to rebrand the USG website
  - Brought back webmaster and graphic designer on how to rebrand and revamp the social media aspect of it
- Worked on constitution and bylaw amendments, and to discuss this furthermore eventually
- Is now planning to coordinate with e-board members on their guidebooks and structural changes, especially on what the committee is about, and for all other students who will want to take a look at the USG website to understand this more thoroughly.
- Is now asking for all e-board members to send in their availability and schedules to have a one-on-one meeting to discuss these structural changes, etc.
- Wants more reps and more engagement so that when a point system is enacted, this will be a greater way to amp up rep. engagement
• Wants to connect with UI Springfield and Champaign’s student governments to collaborate on similar ideas for student advocacy
• Emphasized on USG to be advocates
• Questions
  ○ Almendras: how often will these one-on-one cabinet meetings be?
    ■ Response: Once every week, but can be more lenient if there are schedule issues. Overall, though, optimally, weekly
• Report filed

f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
• Her overall goal for this semester: to have her reps work on at least one initiative and to feel empowered as student leaders
• Initiative ideas
  ○ Increase gender neutral restrooms
  ○ Premenstrual products accessibility
    ■ Placed in a women’s restroom and all-gender restrooms
  ○ Increasing food security on campus with other committees
    ■ At least foods and snacks outside of offices so that students can have a place to get food
  ○ Access to sustainable transportation
    ■ Student leader department to increase bicycles and
    ■ Sustainable department group
      ● Faculty members to help with this initiative alongside the group’s committee
      ● Wants 2-3 meetings a semester
    ■ Student trustee and Guerrero easing the transition for the new trustee on where to start with them being in USG
  ○ Set down specific goals to be put within her committee
• Questions
  ○ No questions
• Filed

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
• Explained how if anyone is interested in his plans for meeting with Dr. Maginot is open to anyone else as well if they are interested
• Went over his report, no additions were made, greater detail is all within his report. Please reference the meeting packet 1.
• No questions- report filed

h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
• Explains how printing out the promotional flyers might not be printed in time for the IF
• No further additions were made to the

i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
• Explained how he has now drafted the resolution for the school supplies- which was passed this evening.
• Is continuing on the textbook affordability resolution to expand on this even more
• Went over how there will be an award for faculty as a part of OER, further details within the chairperson’s report
• Wants to Outreach Asian American Resource and Culture Center to offer more opportunities and to collaborate with Chairperson Guerrero on this
• Opens arms to those who would like to help out with these aforementioned initiatives
• Questions/ Discussion
  o President made the exclamation how students can NOT give out awards to faculty
    ■ Response by Chairperson Almendras: The award will not be given by USG or by students, this will be given out by the actual library itself. And how this award project has been done in other schools
    ■ President responded how students can NOT decide which faculty members to give awards out to, whether it’s actually awarded by someone else. Even if other institutions have done this before, we need to follow UI system
  o Fernandes questioned what is the incentive for open textbooks, besides departments to just be nice?
    ■ Chairperson Almendras responded that there is no other incentive, but having this award can expand this form of opportunity both for students to be aided and for faculty to be recognized

j. Report of the Campus Life
• No report

X. Announcements
• Almendras: Get pumped for the involvement fair!

XI. Adjournment
• Representative Sarah Khan motions to adjourn
• Representative Nguyen seconds this motion
• The ayes have it, meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM