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I. Call to Order  
   - 6:09 PM  

II. Roll Call

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
   - Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda  
   - Approved

V. Public Comment  
   - No public comment

VI. Guest Speakers  
   a. Joy Vergara – Center for Student Involvement  
      - Speaking on student organizations and its functionality and funding processes  
      - Executive Director for CSI  
         - Oversees student activity board, radio, speech  
         - Provide services for 400+ registered student orgs  
         - Provides funding for large scale events and collabs, parades, etc  
         - Sets up and organizes the involvement fair and Spark (concert)  
         - Works with SAB to host homecoming  
      - Services student organizations have access to  
         - Student orgs need to register themselves on campus- who the officers are, advisors, go through the registration process annually (opens in April)  
         - Services: funding, room reservations, helping with retreats and trainings, provide financial transactions, website updates on tax exemption status  
         - Holds roster for e-board for all student orgs
      - Funding process  
         - Each department can have their own funding process (pharmacy, engineering, etc.)  
         - USG has their own funding  
         - CSI can help navigate these funding processes for student orgs such as in outdoor events
   - Questions/Discussion  
      - CP Celestino: Regarding involvement fair, is there an opportunity to put tables next to each other that correlate; e.g., cultural orgs?  
         - Vergara: That has been done in the past, but the intention is to explore extra sections, and that some areas are left empty. If a map is recreated, and there is an empty spot, that could have been filled by someone else’s org. Also, there is not easy stipulation for what is considered a cultural org or not, such as Black Graduate Council, etc. If orgs really want to be placed together, it would be efficient that those orgs meet outside of that time, speak and wait in line with one another.
      - Treas. Basta: If an individual comes in contact with another org and wants to donate to that org, how would that work?
Vergara: This has been done in the past where a foundation has been created/scholarship with funds; we would love to see what this opportunity looks like.

○ Pres. Almendras: On the topic of COFs, the funding system is different for each university— is ours a city ordinance, or unique to UIC? Also is there a staff force for students that overlooks student org funding?
  ▪ Vergara: It is unique to UIC, and regarding students, the application is not out yet.

○ CP Celestino: regarding student org funding, there was a special pool of funds for organizations’ supplies, which is now gone. Why and will it be brought back
  ▪ Vergara: There used to be three funds created
    • SAFC- Events happening on campus open to all students (no funds for food); cannot charge at the door and cannot be a fundraiser
    • SOFAB- student org fund for travel or events that are up to $700 off campus
    • formerly/ SUFA- Operational cost for student orgs
      ○ This and SOFAB are funds you get reimbursed for. This is challenging because students would have to originally pay out of pocket and then get reimbursed. It is not the most efficient, but as of the moment, it is the best method. Looking into merchant services, but because of rising costs, we would still like to have funding available for events on campus, etc.
    • Another dimension in the Involvement Fair was giving 100 to those with the most creative org. Allocated 3,000 for Involvement Fair incentives— which orgs could use this for costs like printing, etc.

○ Treas. Basta: For orgs, is there a resource or website for them to answer these questions to funding?
  ▪ www.involvement.uic.edu --> student orgs→ manage my org

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VIII. New Member Elections
IX. Old Business
 a. Resolution 2022-F1-1100
   • Read by Pres. Almendras
   • Voting: Resolution has passed
 b. Resolution 2022-F1-5001
   • Read by Treas. Basta
   • Voting: passed
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X. New Business  
 a. Resolution 2022-F2-5001  
  • Read by Treas. Basta  
  • Motion to amend: “2022-F2-5001” to 5002  
    ○ Resolution has been amended  
  • Questions/Discussion  
    ○ Rep. Ali: How are the stipends divided up?  
      ■ Look at previous years allocations, which is determined by  
        previous admins, this year's allocated stipends has a 10% raise  
        besides President, Vice President and Treasurer.  
    ○ Rep. Why the raise  
      ■ There was a 10% raise of the overall budget, so it was deemed  
        appropriate for increasing these stipends too  
    ○ Pres. Almendras: The reason for overall increase is due to the  
        strenuousness of a board position. With all the expectations, and to lead by  
        example, the top three positions will not be having a raise.  
XI. Items for Discussion  
 a. No items for discussion  
XII. Ex Officio Reports  
 a. Report of the Advisor  
    • Nothing to report  
 b. Report of the Student Trustee  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
XIII. Officer Reports  
 a. Report of the President  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
 b. Report of the Vice-President  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
 c. Report of the Treasurer  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
 d. Report of the Speaker  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
 e. Report of the Chief of Staff  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
 f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair  
    • If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meetings with the cultural  
      centers– please reach out!  
    • No additions/questions/comments made  
    • Report filed  
g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
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- Spoke to Missy Ramos creating a forum for freshman and sophomores for more professional development internships
- No additions/questions/comments made
- Report filed

h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
   - Read by Graphic Designer Alramahi in place of CP Chaudhari
   - No additions/questions/comments made
   - Report filed

i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
   - No additions/questions/comments made
   - Report filed

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
   - Security related concerns in South Campus- getting in contact with Resident Hall Associations as well as Pres. Almendras regarding this
   - No additions/questions/comments made
   - Report filed

XIV. Announcements
   - Pres. Almendras: please promote the membership applications
   - CP Celestino: Making sure we have a diverse pool of applicants, even if we do not align with them; lets take away the bias and look at the root, especially if they are here to bring meaningful change

XV. Adjournment
   - 7:50 PM