



University of Illinois at Chicago
Undergraduate Student Government
Fall 2022 – October 31 – Meeting IX

Voting Members: 32

Quorum: 17

Ex Officio:

Advisors: Dean Keith Ellis

Student Trustee: Mohammed Haq

Executive:

President: Matthew Almendras

Vice-President: Michael Fernandes

Treasurer: Quinn Basta

Chief of Staff: Abigail Pettineo

Chairs:

Manasvi Thumu
 Jair Alvarez
 Kenvi Chaudhari
 Mahanoor Murtaza
 Felix Celestino

Legislative:

Speaker of The House: Michelle Zhou

Secretary: Danyah Thnaibat

Graphic Designer: Zaina Alramahi

Website Administrator: Mauricio Suarez Otero

House:

Abdulmajid Yousuf

Alessandro Beltran

Aminah Ahmed

Anthony Cruz

Arsen Peredruk

Daniela Guerrero

Dilay Heybeli

Diya Sharma

Dua Ansari

Felix Giron

Isaiah Irlbacker

Jesse Ghoman

Jiya Patel

Juana Cordova

Karolina Bielawska

Karolina Wojdyla

Lauren Hanna

Matthew Caballes

Meghna Dasgupta

Melodie Slaughter

Nazra Zafar

Nora Alsaadi

Raahi Mehta

Ruwaida Khadeer

Ryan Rodriguez

Saba Ali

Brina Zhang

Samuel Blin

Sophia Preobrazhenskaya

Tayo Omoniyi

Veronica Dinh

Yasmeen Aladdwan

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Resolution 2022-F8-1005
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Resolution 2022-F9-1007
- IX. Items for Discussion
- X. Ex Officio Reports
 - a. Report of the Advisor
 - b. Report of the Student Trustee

- XI. Officer Reports
 - a. Report of the President
 - b. Report of the Vice-President
 - c. Report of the Treasurer
 - d. Report of the Speaker
 - e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
 - h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
 - j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment

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- I. Call to Order
 - 6:04 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - Members not present at time of roll call
 - Representative Alessando Beltran (e)
 - Representative Diya Sharma (e)
 - Representative Ruwaida Khadeer (e)
- III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - Minutes Approved
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
 - Treas. Basta motions to add *Resolution 2022-F8-1006* to the agenda→ motion approved
- V. Public Comment
 - No public comment
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - No guest speakers
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Resolution 2022-F7-3001
 - Reread by CP Alvarez
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Rep. Cordova: It is unlawful to have this resolution because people cannot be paid to vote, it is illegal, according to the voter registration website
 - Response CP: The competition has been rebranded for education purposes and not the actual act of voting. The main focus of the event is to have students engaging in civic engagement, but they will not be paid for registering; SLCE has done this before
 - Rep. Guerrero: In the competition, did you already promote that you are giving \$500 for the event? Also, if the resolution does not pass, what would be Plan B?
 - CP Response: It has only been promoted as a celebratory event; if this does not pass, this will be further discussed with SLCE and Kevin Cane.
 - CP Celestino
 - Rep. Dasgupta: If the goal has not shifted to an overall goal of civic engagement, can we now include all student orgs now?
 - No, the hyperlinks have already been created and not enough time to create for the rest of student orgs
 - Pres. Almendras: regarding Rep. Cordova's point on the legality of the competition– this is only regarding federal courts promoting the competition
 - Rep. Dasgupta: In the research done, was this from private or public universities? Because this is a state university that is federally funded
 - Rep. Peredruk:
 - COS Pettineo: When you compare this to tabling in the student center, there are no incentives; we are overlooking any benefit this could bring

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out, even if the conditions are not perfect; this is a stepping stone for the positive aspects

- Rep. Guerrero: The competition is happening, we are not voting on whether it is happening; how many orgs are competing? And has contact been outreached to Hawkeyes; if this does not pass, what is the solution, since a celebratory dinner would be promised— how would this be altered then, if this is not passed?
 - Treas. Basta: There is no set date, so there would be more room for planning; if this is not passed, then all money is off because USG retains the right to back out. We will always have
- Voting: Resolution PASSED; 4 nays, 2 abstains

— *Vice President motions to take a five minute recess— 6:36 PM- 6:41 PM resumed*

b. Resolution 2022-F7-1004

- Motion to amend 1,500 to 1,900
- To accommodate 30 orgs ~100 people for halal options too, price of food went up, 18% tip and hiring UIC Radio to play music and also a deposit
- Questions/Discussion
 - Rep. Mehta: Is the list solidified on orgs that are invited?
 - Rep. Blin: Currently a working list that is still being added to on who we will prospectively send the invite to
 - Rep. Guerrero: once capacity is filled, we will not be accepting any more orgs to be a part of the dinner at Hawkeyes
 - Voting: Resolution PASSED

VIII. New Business

a. Resolution 2022-F8-5005

- Read by Treas. Basta
- Questions/Discussion:
 - Is this considering of
- Pres. Almendras motions to executive order the resolution
- Voting: Resolution PASSED

b. Resolution 2022-F8-1005

- SOH Zhou motions to change “Coalition” to “Commission” in every instance on the Resolution
- Voting next week

c. Resolution 2022-F8-1006

- *Added in during Amendments to the Agenda*
- Questions/Discussion:
 - Rep. Mehta: Will this have vegan cupcakes or just general cupcakes?
 - VP Fernandes We can look into the vegan options through the approved vendor we are using
 - Rep. Preobrazhenskaya: What time will they start the food truck?
 - Response VP: Setup starts at 4, actual tailgate begins at 4:30, lasts till 6:30— anyone can come to the food truck so invite all folks!

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- CP Thumu: Since the cultural fair will also be happening at the same time as the tailgate, will you be promoting the attendance of the cultural fair, too?

- Response VP: Yes of course

- Pres. Almendras executive orders resolution to be voted on tonight
- Voting: PASSED

IX. Items for Discussion

- Pres. Almendras: presents deadlines and info on upcoming events, and some guidelines
 - Repost flier on Instagram
 - Post on stories
 - Invite 2 friends
 - INvite GroupMe chats
- Police Town Hall will have Ruth George's mother, which was not easy for her to come back on campus.
- ***SOH Zhou sends the above guidelines in the GroupMe*

X. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Report of the Advisor
 - Great discussion, all! It is not a bad thing to disagree, and it's good to have open communication and discussion like this; good luck with midterms and watch out for upcoming events (Homecoming, etc.)
- b. Report of the Student Trustee
 - No questions/discussion
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed

XI. Officer Reports

- a. Report of the President
 - If you have any concerns regarding the meal swipe program or any questions for Vice Chancellor da Silva, be sure to contact Pres. Almendras!
 - Still looking for 1-2 more students to be panelists at Textbook Affordability Conference on Nov. 10th at 9:30 AM
 - Lunch and registration to the event will be covered; transportation is being worked on to be covered
 - Questions regarding academic success or services are welcome with a meeting with the provost soon!
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- b. Report of the Vice-President
 - Hoping to have 4-5 people at the tent for the day of the tailgate; will talk to Pres. Almendras on how to decorate the tent
 - Report filed
- c. Report of the Treasurer
 - Matthew Caballes as deputy chair! Congrats!
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- d. Report of the Speaker
 - Be sure to check your emails to have check ins with the speaker!

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- Reach out to Speaker if you are interested in tabling for the Cocoa and Kindness day
- Please reach out if you are interested in helping setup for the MHC Kickoff!
- Refer to meeting packet for further detail
- Report filed
- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - Please reach out to COS if you want to help out with picking up the catering and bringing it to the room
 - The bylaws enumerate that you MUST attend a town hall meeting, unless your job or class prohibits you otherwise
 - COS and Rep. Dinh have been working on a safety pamphlet/flier that have copied points out from safety alert emails/app/etc– basic safety information with crime laws, too
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - Reach out to cultural orgs to be a part of the cultural fair if you think they should be a part of this!
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
 - Rep. Anthony Cruz as deputy chair!
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
 - Read by Graphic Designer Zaina
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
 - No additions/questions/comments
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed
- j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
 - Read by Rep. Lauren Hanna
 - Refer to meeting packet for further detail
 - Report filed

XII. Announcements

- COS: Attend the events!
- Pres: Reach out
- CP Celestino: if you know of any student orgs to attend connecting student leader events– reach out to CLC
- CP Thumu: Even though discussions may get heated, please respect our Speaker of the House when going through the order of speakers responding– always respect our speaker!

XIII. Adjournment

- 7:44 PM