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I. Call to Order

- 6:00 PM
 - Oath of Office for new Representatives

II. Roll Call

- Members not present at the time of roll call
 - Matoy Caballes (excused)
 - Alexis Mata (excused)
 - Dhanushri Devi Kannan (unexcused)
 - Diya Sharma (excused)
 - Grace Sands (excused)
 - Marnee Ostoa (excused)
 - Saba Ali (unexcused)

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Vice President Fernandes: Motioned to add Resolution 2023-F3-3000 and Resolution 2023-F3-3000
 - Seconded, favored, passed

V. Public Comment

- None, moving on to the next order of business

VI. Guest Speakers

- None, moving on to the next order of business

VII. Old Business

- None, moving on to the next order of business

VIII. New Business

- Resolution 2023-F3-5001: USG Budget Proposal
 - President Almendras: Executive Ordering this resolution to be voted on tonight
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2023-F3-5002: USG GBM Catering & Room Reservations
 - President Almendras: Executive Ordering this resolution to be voted on tonight so that we can begin having funding for meals after GBMs as a reward for the long meeting
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2023-F3-3000: USG Campus Safety Commission Reauthorization Act of 2023-24
 - Rep. Irlbacker: In the mission statement, what kind of data are you looking for?
 - VP Fernandes: Surveys and whatever we learn that can inform Chief Booker and Vice-Chancellor Coronado of student concerns and needs.
 - Pres. Almendras: To provide context for commissions, these expand advocacy for students. This began with the Mental Health Coalition with USG members, campus stakeholders, and UIC admin so we wanted to also expand this to include a safety commission. VC John Coronado, transportation services, and Chief of Police Booker have been waiting for this commission to address campus safety from the student

perspective as well. An example of what we have done is expand the Night Ride hours to start at 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. To further address the question about data, the commission also gets data from the university which will then be shared with the rest of USG.

- Rep. Dasgupta: Where are we on getting commissioners paid?
 - Pres. Almendras: We do want to see commissioners get paid but based on their work so at the end of the year they will present their work and then get paid. We can move forward with that or look forward to implementing something more structured.
- Resolution 2023-F3-3001: USG Mental Health Commission Reauthorization Act of 2023-24
 - SOH Zhou: The Mental Health Commission has worked with the Wellness and Counselor Centers and with students for example. We have hosted mental health giveaways and conducted surveys which we sent to relevant campus leaders to show the data representing student concerns.
 - Pres. Almendras: I am very pleased with the work that these commissions have done and look forward to what they do this year. Other schools are beginning to create mental health coalitions and this has been showing promising work in student advocacy.

IX. Items for Discussion

a. Student Organization Room Reservations

- i. COS Basta: As a student leader on campus, I have heard that student organizations are having extreme problems in reserving rooms. I have heard this from business student organizations but has anyone else heard about this?
- ii. Rep. Rothenbaum: I am the VP of recruitment for CPC and we had to do our event over Labor Day Weekend in order to get a room and people were not happy about that.
- iii. Rep. Lopez: I am the President of the Pre-Law Society and everything is so overbooked that we cannot get rooms.
- iv. Rep. Thumu: I am the VP of the Film Society and technically we are supposed to get priority for room reservations because we won the best organization award last year but we cannot even get any rooms.
- v. Rep. Dasgupta: I work for CSI, for everyone who spoke, where are you trying to reserve—conference rooms or classrooms?
- vi. Rep. Lopez: I tried both and neither worked.
- vii. Rep. Dasgupta: Are you hearing back?
- viii. Rep. Lopez: No, I had to call several people and still got no response.
- ix. Rep. Thumu: SCE rooms have been booked out for months, my President reached out and they said classrooms are booked out even for a small group.
- x. Pres. Almendras: Very interestingly, when I met with the directors of Student Engagement Offices, they asked me about room reservations. They were curious why they had to pay for room reservations and it is concerning to me that organizations cannot reserve rooms. I am curious how we can move forward on this.
- xi. Rep. Dasgupta: Logistically, you are filling out a form on Campus Groups and this is a department-wide issue, the office is backed up. Departmental shifts and changes have resulted in inefficiencies. There is a record number of student organizations so we have people doing late registration as well so I think finding space for meetings is important.
- xii. Rep. Patel: Rooms are too small for the Automotive Engineer Society. It is not a problem of finding rooms but they are too small. There is a room reservation problem.

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- xiii. Rep. Dasgupta: If you are in an organization or are a leader, what you have done by reaching out and calling is the best thing to do to put you at the front of the team working on those. Call the CSI front desk or email Vance Pierce if needed.
- xiv. COS Basta: If you hear of any organizations having these issues, let them know we are supporting them and let us know so we can work on this issue that is affecting so many student organizations on campus.

X. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Report of the Advisor
 - i. No report
- b. Report of the Student Trustee
 - i. My name is Mohammed, as Student Trustee I represent everyone at UIC
 - ii. Wanted to say hello and introduce a guest, a former member of USG and now member of the Alumni Association–John Donners
 - 1. On alumni board
 - 2. Student and recent alumni committee
 - 3. In the future work on efforts to find out what students want to see from their alumni whether it be mentorship, jobs, etc
 - a. If you have any ideas reach out
 - 4. In government consulting with CTA and was a campaign manager and COS in USG and was in Greek life on campus

XI. Officer Reports

- a. Report of the President
 - i. Congratulations new reps!
 - ii. Presented speech on accomplishments USG has had the past few years
 - iii. View full report for details and updates
 - iv. Report filed
- b. Report of the Vice-President
 - i. Over the last two weeks, I conducted meetings with Pres. Almendras and Dean Chval from the College of Education
 - ii. On the committee for CampusCare Gap Assessment
 - iii. Conducted meeting with President Almendras and Dean Wayne from the College of Business
 - iv. Business
 - v. Conducted meeting with President Almendras and Dean Nelson from the College of Engineering
 - vi. Engineering
 - vii. Meeting with Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Rob Dixon alongside President Almendras and COS Quinn Basta
 - viii. Attended the Executive Board meeting last Friday
 - ix. View full report for details and updates
 - x. Report filed
- c. Report of the Treasurer
 - i. Read by Representative Ghoman
 - ii. Met with Chief of Staff Basta on Friday
 - iii. Created the budget and finalized all allocations
 - iv. Tabled at the Joyful Event
 - v. Assisted in running the Fall Festival
 - vi. Met with Anna Woinska (from UIC Catering)
 - vii. View full report for details and updates

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- viii. Report filed

- d. Report of the Speaker
 - i. USG Orientation
 - 1. If not able to attend, I will be reaching out to set up a make-up session
 - 2. Received a question if everyone is required to write a resolution and no that is not required but it is of course encouraged
 - ii. Representative 1-on-1 meetings
 - 1. Will send out scheduling
 - iii. Interim Speaker Applications
 - 1. Please send email by Tuesday midnight
 - iv. View full report for details and updates
 - v. Report filed

- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - i. Fall Fest was a success
 - ii. Met with all 6 committee directors, more information in report
 - iii. Met with Vice Chancellor Dixon, President Almendras, and Vice President Fernandes
 - iv. Held weekly E-Board meeting
 - v. View full report for details and updates
 - vi. Report filed

- f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - i. Attending UIS Chicago Alumni in Government Reception with President Matthew and Dir. Aparna
 - ii. Visited USG Fall Fest
 - iii. Attended eboard meeting
 - iv. Had COS check in with Quinn Basta
 - v. Visiting Chinese Club at UIC's Mid-Autumn Festival
 - vi. Comments: How is the DIC Committee working to support Black student enrollment and the SJP lawsuit?
 - 1. Pres. Almendras: I met with the President of the Black Student Coalition and we will organize a town hall on that. We had a conversation with the provost last year and many things the university is doing are in regards to outreach. A leadership change has increased the search for Chicago community members. We will work on this with Dilay's committee but lots of things are in motion. In terms of the SJP lawsuit, we are here to protect Freedom of Speech for students. We are in partnership with a nonprofit (FIRE) that advocates for students to voice their opinions as it is their right in an open space so that the instance that brought the lawsuit will not occur again.
 - vii. View full report for details and updates
 - viii. Report filed

- g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. Met with the Nick Hart (SLCE and Student Trustee's Office)
 - ii. Met with Rae Joyce (SLCE)
 - iii. Met with ISU SGA
 - iv. Attended SAC Meeting
 - v. Went to UI Governmental Relations Reception

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- vi. Met with Director Peterson at the Wellness Center
- vii. View full report for details and updates
- viii. Report filed

h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair

- i. Worked on the USG calendar for the semester with Director Dilay,
- ii. Thank you to our Graphic Designer Em for creating our “Fall Festival” Graphic
- iii. Attended weekly E-board meeting
- iv. Met with Chief of Staff Quinn
- v. Arranged a time to meet with the PAC committee.
- vi. Representatives, please fill out the Google form I emailed you this week for the Instagram and website by tonight!
- vii. View full report for details and updates
- viii. Report filed

i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair

- i. Emailed Assistant Director of Career Development and Internships to begin planning career workshop events.
- ii. Directors Aparna and Tejal and I met with Director Petersen of the Wellness Center to discuss resources related to stress management and burnout prevention.
- iii. The Faculty Senate is in full swing.
- iv. View full report for details and updates
- v. Report filed

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair

- i. Had a one-on-one meeting with COS Basta
- ii. Met with Marketing Manager Jomar, Executive Director of Business Development Charles, and President Matthew Almendras
- iii. Had a meeting with the Senior Director of UIC Health Education and Wellness Carol, Director Aparna, and Director Asa
- iv. Volunteered on September 28, 2023, at the USG fall festival.
- v. Attended the USG executive board meeting
- vi. Held an informal session to introduce myself and talk about expectations for campus life with representatives from the Campus Life Committee
- vii. Attended the JoyFUL event partnered with by the UIC the dining hall
- viii. View full report for details and updates
- ix. Report filed

XII. Announcements

- SOH Zhou: Committee assignments are now out so if you have any concerns, please let me know!
- Director Dilay: Student Activities Board Fall Fest this Friday!

XIII. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
 - Adjourned at 6:55 PM