

USG

Spring Meeting 6

3/04/2024

I. Call to Order

- 6:05 PM

II. Roll Call

- Members not present at the time of roll call
 - Michael Fernandes (unexcused)
 - Asa Asad (excused)
 - Veronica Dinh (excused)
 - Abdulmajid Yousuf (unexcused)
 - Aminah Ahmed (unexcused)
 - Jacob Maduakolam (excused)
 - Jiya Patel (excused)
 - Nina Fonseca (unexcused)

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Approved

V. Public Comment

- None

VI. Guest Speakers

- None

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- Resolution 2024-S6-1019 MHC & The Art Collective Chalking Collaboration
 - Commissioner Proгри: If you scroll down there is a vision board of what the chalking can look like
 - SOH Zhou: Can any student participate?
 - Commissioner Proгри: In order to keep things within UIC guidelines, only Art Collective and USG members can participate
 - Treasurer Caballes: What is the Art Collective
 - Commissioner Proгри: It is a student org of artists
 - COS Basta: All USG events have to be open to all students especially ones that use funding
 - Rep. Thumu: I see this as kind of like making a poster board for people to see; students participate by looking at the art. This prevents inappropriate art
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: We can let all students do art, and if they add something bad then we can get it off the ground and talk to them about it
 - Treasurer Caballes motions to increase the allocation from \$65 to \$150
 - Seconded, favored

IX. Items for Discussion

- Reserve Funds
 - SSC
 - Concerned with lack of study space and lack of outlets
 - Recharging stations

- SCE 4th floor and BSB
- 5 in the library (each floor)
 - First floor should have two because outlets there don't work
- 4 in SCE
- \$72,906.39 for 9 stations
 - Can always get less than that
- Who would maintain?
 - Tech Solutions as they manage other recharge stations
- Why not add more study spaces or outlets?
 - Cannot change infrastructure and renovation of SCE impacts making changes right now
- Can also lock phone away to maintain focus
- Secretary Pettineo: In 2021, as PAC Chair, I was working on getting a Kiwiboost locker in the library with customized USG logos
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Yes, we are using that brand
- Rep. Huang: Do these stations come with cords?
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Yes, they come with a wide variety of cord types
- COS Basta: If you could only pick one location for us to have 3 lockers where would you put this?
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: The library because it is most lacking on functional outlets
- Rep. Thumu: You mentioned laptop as well, so you wouldn't be able to use your laptop while it is charging
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Yes, that is a downside. You have to lock it up to charge it
- Rep. Thumu: Is there a way we can plug in our own charger into the locker
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: I will look into that
- Rep. Sands: How many lockers are in there?
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: 8
- Treasurer Caballes: What happens if you forget your PIN?
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: There will be a key for building management to have/library
- Web Administrator Suarez: What is charging speed of this locker
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: 120 AC which is 2.4 Amps, this is about the normal time it takes
- Commissioner Proгри: Are you comfortable with combining with another project?
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: That is totally up to the body and we are not against combining with another idea
- DIC
 - There are not a lot of recreational or hang out spots on campus
 - Lots of empty rooms at UIC that we don't utilize
 - Arcade!
 - Ideas of games:
 - Foosball and pool table
 - Digital arcade table
 - Pac Man machine
 - Basketball game
 - Air hockey table
 - Safe dart

- Open to suggestions!
- Met with Treasurer Caballes and decided on \$30,000-40,000 to pick multiple machines
- Lack of places to socialize and connect with other students out side of study, food, exercise
- The bowling alley closed and SCE is under redesign so we wanted to provide a place for students to increase their connections and hang out
- Student orgs could reserve this space for events
- Potential locations
 - Rec Center
 - Some free rooms there and could make an arcade room there
 - Best option we think
 - Inner Circle
 - Social spot but not much place to put the machines because so crowded
 - Maybe put 1-2 machines here
 - Open to suggestions!
- Rep. Sands: I know they are doing a lot of renovations in SCE, are they already considering this? Would it be better to do after that rearrangement?
 - Rep. Thumu: A lot of admin aren't students so they might not know we want an arcade. I know Matoy has been back and forth with the SCE people and there are not a lot of plans for the bowling area but there is no answer.
 - Director Heybeli: We had another idea that they already planned but they did not say they had planned the arcade
- Rep. Rothenbaum: For the Inner Circle, where would this be because they need cords?
 - Rep. Thumu: That is why we were leaning toward the Rec Center to have a dedicated room. We would only put a few in the Inner Circle and outlets are in the stands so we could work with building management there
 - Rep. Rothenbaum: There is already a gaming room in the Rec and the room next to it isn't used much
 - Rep. Thumu: That is what we were thinking about using
 - Rep. Shakir: Is the list of games set?
 - Director Heybeli: We chose one game from each category to buy
 - Rep. Thumu: We don't have to use all the machines on the list because we can combine
 - Rep. Cruz: I work at the Rec and we use 224 all the time for facility meetings and staff and manager meetings how would you accommodate that?
 - Director Heybeli: We would work with building management on that
 - Rep. Thumu: Meeting spaces are important but so are increasing student connections so we could repurpose
 - Web Administrator Suarez: Next to the gauntlet would be nice because you have to wait to use it
 - Rep. Kannan: I think the Rec works because we have video games and the climbing wall there so students can explore different activities and

you have to scan your iCard to get in so its more for UIC students. I think the Inner Circle would be bad because it would get too loud

- Commissioner Proгри: Have you thought about putting the arcade in the basement?
 - Director Heybeli: They told us they want to use it for something else
- Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: The ARC laundry room has an arcade game and students will go there just to play
 - Rep. Thumu: I think having an option open to all students not just ARC residents would be great because people use it
- Rep. Rothenbaum: Would you be able to having tables, chairs, and sofas in the room?
 - Rep. Thumu: That is a great suggestion and we can repurpose seating areas at UIC for the room
- LAC
 - 7/10 employers do not respond to applicants without a headshot photo on their profile
 - University's are not helping students succeed if they do not provide headshot services
 - Limited capacity=limited accessibility
 - iClick Headshot Prob from Limelight
 - Portrait lighting, adjustable position or cemented onto ground
 - \$15,990 for one booth
 - Backdrop \$3,990
 - Estimated total: \$20,000
 - Recurring fee under \$500
 - Students are able to take high quality photos that can allow them to increase chances for jobs and internship opportunities
 - Considering there are 22,000 undergraduate students at UIC right now, say each student only took 1 photo, that would be less than \$1 spent per student
 - Microwaves
 - 2nd floor Douglas Hall, 1st floor Lincoln Hall, ARC, SCE Inner Circle, and SELE
 - Bus stop benches
 - 7/60 going east (by the crosswalk), 157 west, and 8 south by SCE
 - \$32,000 total
 - Rep. Kannan: We already have microwaves in SCE, ARC, and Commuter Centers. Why would you keep one on the 1st floor Lincoln Hall?
 - Rep. Narang: Business students roam around this hall and there used to be a cafe there. Now students just sit down there to eat. It would be convenient to have one there so they don't have to walk all the way to SCE and back. We are open to other locations as well. Having all the microwaves in SCE is not accessible for everyone
 - Rep. Ramakrishnan: There is always a line at SCE so this would help
 - Rep. Thumu: Both Lincoln and Douglass are next to each other so maybe Adams, Taft, or SES would be good options
 - Rep. Narang: We are open to these options and can increase the budget for microwaves as well
 - Rep. Satterfield: Did you think about putting one in the Idea Commons of the Library?
 - Rep. Narang: Yes, that is a great location

- Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: In regards to the headshot booth it is \$20,000 and it is moveable, in regards to the maintenance is this a fee USG will cover, what happens if it breaks, is there a warranty?
 - Director Ramakrishnan: Maintenance fee of \$500 yearly and Matoy thinks USG can cover this each year. I have also been in talks with Director Riordan and we are looking to working with another department to help cover costs
- Rep. Shakir: How easy is it to get the picture correctly– do you need skill or is it simple?
 - It is super simple to use because it is a headshot booth not a camera so you don't need any skills to use it you just stand in front of it
- Rep. Shakir: The benches are near bus stop and have you looked into increasing benches around all of campus
 - Rep. Narang: Good vision but most focused on utility and need more than a want of just benches around campus. Most of the time it is cold and you dont want to sit outside. It is hard to stand for so long waiting for the bus especially when it is bad weather
 - Rep. Shakir: what about bus shelters?
 - Rep. Narang: Legal problems with that so cannot do that because the sidewalk is not our property
- Rep Thumu: I think that Student Services Building is a good location because it is not as crowded and you could find a spot to put the headshot booth there
 - Commissioner Proгри: Also might encourage more students to visit SSB
- Questions/comments overall
 - Rep. Dasgupta: I've never been in the Rec room, how big is it?
 - Rep. Thumu: Twice the size of the USG office
 - Treasurer Caballes: Don't forget about the individual meeting rooms. They are a great way to take interviews and phone calls
 - Rep. Sands: Are those ADA compliant?
 - Treasurer Caballes: No, I will look into it though
 - Rep. Rothenbaum: I think the advertisement kiosks are great
 - SOH Zhou: Ranked choice voting (most to least favorite), cannot vote for own as #1 option but can for #2
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Will LAC's be 3 in 1 or 3 separate ideas?
 - Treasurer Caballes: Separate into headshot in one and then microwaves and benches together in another

X. Ex Officio Reports

a. Report of the Advisor

- i. USG elections due tonight at 11:59 PM
- ii. Start notifying people 9AM-5PM tomorrow
- iii. Will update candidates page on website page
- iv. Test election to vote and make sure page works
- v. Please participate in the volunteering opportunity with UICPD for Democratic Convention preparation
- vi. Report filed

b. Report of the Student Trustee

- i. Making Great Progress with a Discounted Metra Pass for UIC Students

1. Details are yet to be made publicly available, but we are optimistic of its inception!
2. Fall pilot program potentially
- ii. Provided the Opening Remarks for the Inaugural “Chair Chats with the Chancellor” Event, Featuring Dr. Anthony Fuaci
- iii. Planning to Discuss the Potential of Primary/General Election Voting Booths at UIC Law with SBA
- iv. Congratulations to Mr. Lester McKeever Jr. on Being Named One of the 2024 Lincoln Laureate Recipients.
 1. Mr. McKeever Jr. has served as the Board Treasurer for many years and has been invaluable. This is the highest civilian honor given in Illinois.
- v. Investiture of UIC Chancellor Marie Lynn Miranda is scheduled for April 4th at 2 pm
- vi. Report filed

XI. Officer Reports

a. Report of the President

- i. Vice President and I met with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Rob Dixon, to discuss medical accommodations, RSO support/ student engagement, Food Truck Tuesday/End-of-the-Year Festival, and Lyft Partnership. Big takeaways are that he supports all our initiatives and will help us facilitate the aforementioned initiatives.
- ii. Met with our new USG Co-Advisor, Raul Fernandez, to discuss expectations from both sides. Welcome, Raul, to the USG family!
- iii. Connected with Brian Cousins, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and looped him in on our initiatives: Food Truck Tuesday, Reserve Funds, and Lyft Partnership.
- iv. Over this past week, I have been working with Treasurer Caballes, Chief of Staff Basta, and the Executive Board to facilitate the Reserve Funds.
- v. Worked with Student Trustee Haq to facilitate a partnership with Young Professionals in Transportation - Chicago (YPT) for their Q&A event with CDOT Commissioner Tom Carney. This event is also co-organized with CUPPA's UPPSA and is tomorrow at 5:30 PM in SCE Room 713.
- vi. Connecting Student Leaders: tomorrow from 6-7:30 at Pompei! RSVP if you haven't already!
- vii. Chancellor Meeting: Tuesday, 3/12
- viii. State of the Student Dinner: Tuesday 3/12 @ 6 PM
- ix. Report filed

b. Report of the Vice-President

- i. Meeting with Vice Chancellor Dixon
 1. Student Organizations
 - a. Focus groups to provide recommendations on what students need to support their student organizations
 - b. Simple information sheets for student leaders
 - c. Reoccurring large group meetings with CSI to make sure each student leader knows what they must do administratively as well as have questions answered directly
 2. Medical Leaves of Absences
 - a. Working to extend coverage of CampusCare during medical leaves of absences

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- b. Hope to have people covered for at least one semester during their time off of school
 - c. Will follow up with other relevant administrators in the coming weeks
 - ii. Setting meeting with Dining Services
 - iii. President Matthew and I have set a meeting date with Chancellor Miranda
 - 1. March 12th
 - iv. Report filed
 - c. Report of the Treasurer
 - i. Finalized the Connecting Student Leader's Event details with the DOS
 - 1. Looking forward to the event!
 - ii. Discussing a possible Food Truck Day with Treasury Committee
 - 1. Plan to have 4-5 food trucks
 - 2. Hope to host in near the beginning of April
 - 3. Either Harrison Field, Quad, or behind Stevenson Hall
 - iii. Report filed
 - d. Report of the Speaker
 - i. Deputy Chair Task Force meeting (last week)
 - 1. Discussed E-Voting trial 2, USG social activities, committee efficacy/dynamics, initiative progress and reserve funds presentations
 - 2. Meetings held weekly on Thursday from 10-11 am
 - ii. Representative 1-on-1's
 - 1. Currently commencing! Please sign up for a slot via the SignUpGenius that was sent out; these meetings are mandatory
 - 2. In-person preferable, Zoom option available to those who cannot make it to campus
 - iii. Met with Interim Speaker Manasvi
 - 1. Updating the Representative Points
 - a. Reminder to submit Honorary Engagement Points for consideration!
 - b. Directors: please double check and send me a list of representatives who helped out with each event you hold
 - 2. USG Office Hours
 - a. Manasvi will be creating a tutorial on how to add your hours if you were having trouble
 - 3. Manasvi will be leading the next meeting (GBM 7), please CC her when you send your reports/resolutions/items for discussion!
 - iv. USG Social
 - 1. Updates from Manasvi!
 - 2. Casual series of events
 - 3. Saturday outing to China Town 12-1PM meet at Blue Line and head down, message on Group Me if interested
 - v. Report filed
 - e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - i. Last week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 - 1. CLC Director Tejal, SSC Director Asa
 - ii. This week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 - 1. Treasurer Matthew Caballes, PAC Director Zaina, DIC Director Dilay, LAC Director Aparna

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- iii. Met with Deputy Chief of Staff Alexis to discuss initiatives of interest for the semester
 - iv. Coordinating a meeting with Professor Dan Hogan and Director Asa to discuss the resources of the Entrepreneurial Support Program and the possibility of establishing an incubator fund
 - v. Report filed
- f. Report of the Secretary
- i. Received contract and deposit forms from Lincoln Park which are now passed onto the DOS Office to complete
 - ii. If you have any themes let me know!
 - iii. Will be sending out an RSVP form soon
 - 1. If you have worked with any admin or student organizations this year that you want to invite, please let me know as soon as you can!
 - iv. Gala: Monday, May 13th
 - v. Report filed
- g. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
- i. Visiting Black Marketplace;
 - 1. Showed support for such a great event and discussed with respectful student leaders about Black Student Organizations at UIC!
 - ii. Had DIC weekly meeting;
 - 1. Brainstorming for increasing social and cultural engagement at UIC and following our spring agenda!
 - iii. Reserve Funds presentation, research and meetings;
 - 1. Working together with Diversity and Inclusion Committee members and Treasurer Matoy to contribute to UIC students' college life by creating social platforms!
 - iv. Emailing Director of EIEP Elsa Soto to have a follow up meeting for our collaboration idea;
 - 1. Highly encouraged to visit EIEP's International Women's Day dinner on March 8!
 - v. Working on communicating with Cultural Organizations;
 - 1. Continuing "DIC meets with Cultural Organizations" to increase cultural engagement, and discussions about the UIC Cultural Fair!
 - vi. Going to help/attend to Gender and Sexuality Center for 'Zine Making' USG collaboration;
 - 1. Thank you everyone who contributed to our very exciting collaboration!
 - vii. Report filed
- h. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- i. LAC Meetings: 5PM-6PM on Mondays
 - 1. Social Advocacy Fair Outreach
 - 2. Planning for Civic Engagement Competition: Outreach
 - ii. Meetings + Events
 - 1. Working with committee on the Reserve Funds presentation
 - 2. Improving USG Tabling Initiative with Director Zaina
 - 3. Went to Springfield on Friday! Met with UIS and UIUC leaders and attended advocacy training for lobby day preparations!
 - iii. New Initiatives and Updates

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1. HSI Survey: Officially on the USG Website! Will be working on promotional materials for it soon!
 - a. Shout out Mauricio!
 2. Social Advocacy Fair: Second round of outreach to increase the number of organizations and groups attending.
 3. Civic Engagement Competition: Encourage your orgs and friends to!
 4. Civic Engagement Tabling
 5. Lobby Day: I am trying to get a headcount of those who would be interested. Please let me know by SPRING BREAK, if you can attend. Lobby day is in Springfield on April 16th.
 6. Representative Visit: We are trying to gather some dates/times for Rep. Schakowsky's visit to UIC. Please sign up below
 - a. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zMaVV0swxS2QSwzkMLNyFHTXYwNPXg_saTJ9Q-zZ6ek/edit?usp=sharing
- iv. Report filed
- i. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
- i. Distributed the Merch last Monday.
 1. The Following people need to pick up their merch from the office: Madaline Lopez, Saba Ali, Jiya Patel, and Aminah Ahmed. I will text you individually to remind you as well.
 2. If you have not received merch, there are still left over polos in the office so inform me if you
 - ii. Took committee pictures and headshots today.
 1. If you did not get a headshot today, let me know if you're interested in receiving one and I would be more than happy to take one of you.
 - iii. Collaborated with Campus Life Deputy Ashley Huang on the Connecting Student Leaders event's outreach to invite student orgs.
 - iv. In contact with Commissioner Tereza about the food drive Instagram post.
 - v. PAC is working on a List of student organizations to reach out to.
 1. If there are any organizations you want USG to collaborate with or invite to our events. List them in the Google sheet down below.
 2. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11O3cV1jLMG2263Qs1641theITj79ss4_qnY4rbedrA/edit?usp=sharing
 - vi. Took E-board headshots last Tuesday.
 - vii. Upcoming PAC initiatives:
 1. Working on a new 2024 USG pamphlet.
 2. Newsletter
 3. Website Introduction video
 4. Instagram post for each committee and their accomplishments/initiatives
 5. Commissioner Introduction post
 - viii. Cubs game tickets for USG members
 1. "My name is Lexi Chodash and I'm a ticket sales representative here with the Cubs. Reaching out to introduce myself as your point of contact for our Cubs and University of Illinois- Chicago special ticket offer at Wrigley Field on April 23rd at 6:40pm. A portion of the proceeds from each UIC ticket will be donated to the University of Illinois Chicago Student Affairs Annual Fund. Let me know if you would like to purchase a block of 15+ tickets for UIC's Student Government. If not, the link to share and purchase tickets is below, along with a picture of the

New Era College Cap that is included with each ticket to the game.” 2024 UIC
Special Ticket Offer

- ix. Report filed

- j. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
 - i. Headshots Event
 - 1. Emailed Director Riordan to set a follow up meeting to see if we can host another event just like this in April.
 - 2. Got the Headshots, working towards distributing them.
 - ii. Emailed the student-led organization ChemER to talk about their development of their rapid-response tutoring systems and to see if we can build similar models across other disciplines with their input.
 - 1. Meeting tentatively scheduled for next week.
 - iii. Met with the Director of the Math and Sciences Learning Center (MSLC), Danielle Liubicich on Tuesday.
 - 1. Learned alot about how they’ve developed, some of their insights to the tutoring hiring process and have some good notes like setting up a large Tutoring Center Director meeting with Central Tutoring. Also got their insight on ChemER and how we should implement a multi-prong step towards tutoring.
 - iv. Meeting with the Director of Central Tutoring, Carlotta Johnson, is set for this Wednesday, March 6th at 12PM.
 - 1. Hope to present plans that can help improve tutoring services for all of our students.
 - 2. One idea I have right now is centralizing all of our tutor scheduling to one website so that students can schedule their tutoring sessions as soon as they need and be told where to go from there.
 - 3. Also hope to facilitate a meeting between all of our tutoring center directors, Director Johnson, and myself with a few tutors and students to see what else can be improved in the future.
 - 4. Also hoping to host a Finals Week Festival with them that would be a week long event with extended tutoring hours, extra floors of the library available for use 24/7, amongst other events, so I’ll bring it up to Director Johnson then.
 - v. Met with Mike Stieff and Dr. Christina Nicholas to discuss syllabi policies on Wednesday, February 28th, at 10AM.
 - 1. Realized a lot of my original goals weren’t feasible.
 - 2. Will work with PAC and LAC to design a better syllabi template that can be released to faculty through the Center for Advancing Teaching Excellence.
 - vi. Advocating for More Study Spaces
 - 1. The SCE Fourth Floor Computer Lab has been closing earlier than it should, so I’ve emailed Technology Solutions to extend its operating hours and continue to allow students to use it as midterms ramp up.
 - a. Many students can’t even come because they have classes until it closes.
 - 2. Was successfully able to extend office hours! SCE Fourth Floor Computer Lab will now close at 9pm.
 - vii. In coordination with COS Basta, emailed Professor Hogan to learn more about the entrepreneurial partnerships UIC has and how we could capitalize on that.
 - viii. In coordination with COS Basta, began brainstorming how we could implement a policy to waive internal UIC grad school application fees.
 - ix. The Student Success Committee meets Mondays from 5-6PM in the CSI Lounge.
 - 1. The next time we meet again will be post Spring Break.

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x. Report filed

k. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair

i. Past Meetings

1. WLRC

a. Discussed ways to collaborate

i. Possible Mental Health Week in the beginning of April!

ii. Future Meetings

1. Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center // Wednesday, March 6th

2. Dr. Galen Duncan, Senior Associate Athletics Director

3. Dr. Raja, Interim Executive Director of Counseling Center

4. Natalia Lopez-Yanez, Director of Public Health Initiatives

iii. Initiatives

1. Journaling Giveaway!

a. Huge Success

b. Gained a lot of Instagram followers

i. Make sure to follow us @uicug.mhc

2. Focus Groups to give feedback to Counseling/Wellness Centers

a. Partnering with Dr. Raja, Raphael, and Carol on this.

3. Collaborations with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee

a. Wellness Wednesday Social Media program

4. Quad Chalking

a. Grounds Management confirmed that this is okay

b. Resolution introduced today

5. Mental Health Week

a. Second Week of April

b. Town Hall

c. Student Panel

d. Tabling

e. Fun activity

iv. Artwork in library

1. Dean of the Library really wants artwork improved, this is something that the MHC will be working with him & library leadership in in the near future.

v. Report filed

XII. Announcements

- Rep. Thumu: Don't forget about the social this Saturday! Please message me. Also, Women's Basketball game on Thursday—raffling away P1 Harmony tickets
- Commissioner Progrid: HCAB, MannMukti, Active Minds Ball!
 - Check out on Instagram for details!
- Director Heybeli: On 4PM Friday there will be the Internation Women's Day dinner, will send RSVP

XIII. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
 - Adjourned at 7:49 PM