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I. Call to Order

- 6:03 PM

II. Roll Call

- Members not present at the time of roll call
 - Saba Ali (unexcused)
 - Moiz Zafar Shakir (excused)
 - Jacob Maduakolam (unexcused)
 - Diya Sharma (excused)
 - Ahmad Omar (unexcused)
 - Veronica Dinh (excused)

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Secretary Pettineo motions to amend the minutes to say that Nina Fonseca's absence was excused
 - Seconded, favored
- Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- COS Basta motions to add Resolution 2024-S7-5007
 - Seconded, favored
- Director Ramakrishnan motions to add Resolutions 2024-S7-3015, 2024-S7-3016, and 2024-S7-3017
 - Seconded, favored
- President Almendras motions to add Resolution 2024-S7-3018
 - Seconded, favored
- Approved

V. Public Comment

- None

VI. Guest Speakers

- None

VII. Old Business

- Resolution 2024-S6-1019: MHC & The Art Collective Chalking Collaboration
 - Commissioner Proгри: An invite has been extended to other mental health organizations to participate, and if people ask to join, then we will say yes, but we are not having an advertised open invite
 - Favored, passed

VIII. New Business

- Resolution 2024-S7-1020 USG Mental Health Week
 - Commissioner Proгри motions to amend the First Reading from November 13, 2023 to March 11, 2024 and Second Reading/Voting from November 20, 2023 to March 25, 2024
 - Seconded, favored
 - President Almendras executive orders the resolution to be voted on tonight
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-1021 UIC Cultural Fair
 - SOH Zhou: Motions to amend to resolution to add periods to the first two clauses and change the D in Diversity to d

- Favored, passed
 - Rep. Lopez motions to amend the resolution to say In the nation and remove the before April
 - Favored, passed
 - Rep. Mata: Will cultural organizations be involved in addition to the cultural centers?
 - Rep. Patel: Yes
 - Rep. Lopez: Is there is a list for us to see the types of food and accessories you plan to order
 - Director Heybeli: Not a list yet but will send one out
 - Treasurer Caballes motions to amend the resolution to change to allocation to \$6000 instead of \$7000
- Resolution 2024-S7-1022 USG Food Truck Day
 - Rep. Nathan: What date are you thinking of?
 - Treasurer Caballes April 11, 16, or 18th
 - Director Ramakrishnan: What are the vegetarian, vegan, and halal options offered?
 - Treasurer Caballes: Trucking Delicious you can make tacos of your choice, Wild Fries you don't have to include meat, no halal options but potatoes, Little O's and Sugar Mamas offer desserts
 - Director Ramakrishnan: I suggest you add a halal truck
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Can you include a more detailed breakdown of pricing per truck, please?
 - Treasurer Caballes: Yes, I will include a detailed list of pricing quotes
 - Rep. Rivera: What times will the food trucks be on campus?
 - Treasurer Caballes: 11-4 or 12-4
 - Rep. Rivera: Anyway to reduce the allocation to something below 10,000?
 - 2000 per food truck, but depends on the quotes, so will either keep it there or bring it down
 - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: I do think, given the success of the fall fest, that this is a great event for the student body and gets our voice out there and telling students we support them
 - SOH Zhou: I think we should bring our promotional items there, and PAC can make some social media things there, also
 - SOH Zhou motions to change the Second Reading/Voting from March 18, 2024 to March 25, 2024
 - Rep. Thumu: Matoy, can you add menus to the resolution for the second reading?
 - Treasurer Caballes: Yes
 - Commissioner Proгри: Where would you put these trucks?
 - Treasurer Caballes: I am speaking to VC Dixon and talking about where to hold it so, either in the quad or the sidewalks behind University Hall
 - Rep. Yousuf: Do you have an idea of what halal options you want to bring?
 - Treasurer Caballes: It's been a struggle to find halal options of approved vendors but I will look into it
 - Treasurer Caballes motions to change the Second Reading/Voting from March 18, 2024 to March 25, 2024
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-1023 Annual USG Inaugural Iftar
 - President Almendras motions to add further in the last let it be resolved clause
 - Favored, passed
 - Treasurer Caballes motions to change the Second Reading/Voting from March 18, 2024 to March 25, 2024

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- President Almendras executive orders this resolution to vote on tonight
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-5005 USG Brochures and Promotional Material
- Resolution 2024-S7-5006 USG Commissioner Realignment and Appropriations
 - Rep. Klimek motions to change the Second Reading/Voting from March 18, 2024 to March 25, 2024
- Resolution 2024-S7-5007 Dental Hygiene Awareness
 - Secretary Pettineo: Please let me know the date and time to reserve the table for you
 - Commissioner Proгри: Will you be able to pass out this many kits?
 - COS Basta: Yes, it was no problem last year
 - President Almendras executive orders this resolution to be voted on tonight
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-3015 USG Support of Illinois SB2606
 - President Almendras executive orders this resolution to be voted on tonight
 - Director Ramakrishnan: Submitting a written testament is similar to lobbying so we are advocating for it to be read by reps or read out loud. This is a great way to advocate without being there to lobby. Tereza and I will submit written testimonies, and we encourage you all to use this as a template for your own
 - President Almendras: This advocates for a minimum of 5 mental health days/yr, which has been an ongoing effort by USG as far back as 2020, we were advocating for 1 day, which then transferred to expanding fall break to an entire week. We are supporting this because students need breaks to succeed, and if it is mandated by the state, they have to comply
 - Rep. Klimek: Can you give us an update on how the bill does next meeting?
 - Director Ramakrishnan: Yes, for sure
- Resolution 2024-S7-3016 USG Support of Illinois HB5452
 - President Almendras executive orders this resolution to be voted on tonight
 - President Almendras: Can you please provide a synopsis of this bill?
 - Director Ramakrishnan: Yes, this mandates universities to provide more survivor support for those who fear retaliation. It provides more transparency, support in reporting, and support with what comes after reporting
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-3017 USG Support of Illinois HB4749
 - President Almendras executive orders this resolution to be voted on tonight
 - Director Ramakrishnan: This waives admission application fees for transfer students. This reduces the barrier of cost and ability to apply to more universities that they might not have been able to without this
 - President Almendras: I think this is a great bill because UIC gets a lot of transfer students so this would be great if this were waved
 - Rep. Narang: It is non-refundable for application fees, so this is better for everyone
 - Rep. Kannan: How much are the application fees?
 - Rep. Sands: About \$50
 - Director Ramakrishnan: I would say between \$20-100 per school, depending on which one you are applying to
 - Favored, passed
- Resolution 2024-S7-3018 Establishment of a Chancellor Status Committee on MENA Americans
 - President Almendras motions to add Syeda Amena and Director of Student Success Asa Asad as Co-Sponsors
 - President Almendras: MENA is a system of classifying students who have been subjected to choosing the White or Other category when they feel they do not fit the options on

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forms. The University has transferred this option to forms they send out. This Status Committee would allow students to directly voice their concerns to university leadership. This is not just for students but also for faculty

- Favored, passed

IX. Items for Discussion

- USG Tabling

- Director Ramakrishnan: Last time we were tabling, a lot of people raised their hands but then no one signed up. Since we did not do tabling last week I would love to try this week. Does anyone have any time suggestions?

- Treasurer Caballes: Thursday, anytime after 12

- Director Ramakrishnan: Is anyone available Thursday from 2-4 PM?
Okay, we will go with that!

X. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Report of the Advisor

- i. None

- b. Report of the Student Trustee

- i. None

XI. Officer Reports

- a. Report of the President

- i. Continuing to facilitate the Reserve Funds process. Congratulations to LAC for achieving
- ii. first place in the ranked-choice voting! The results are as follows:

1. Professional Headshot Booth (LAC)
2. Arcade Room (DIC)
3. Individual Meeting Booths (Treasury)
4. Sleeping Pods (CLC)
5. Microwaves/Benches (LAC)
6. LED Kiosk (PAC)
7. Charging Stations (SSC)

- iii. Unfortunately, we cannot incur reoccurring funds, so we cannot do the professional headshot booth, but we will be doing the Arcade Room, Individual Meeting Booths, and Sleeping pods, with the most funding going with the Arcade, then booths, then pods

- iv. Treasurer Matoy and I have been working with the companies and university admin to secure their placements on campus. Resolutions should be set for the next meeting after we get absolute confirmation that they can be implemented.

- v. Meetings & Events:

1. Chancellor Meeting: Tuesday, 3/12
2. OGR Meeting: Tuesday, 3/12
3. State of the Student Dinner: Tuesday, 3/12 @ 6 PM

- vi. Rep. Sands: Are we allowed to fund something that is not ADA-compliant?

1. Rep. Klimek: I reached out today about whether or not it is ADA-compliant and I hope to hear back soon
2. Rep. Sands: Is there anything in the USG Constitution that restricts USG from paying for something not all students can use?

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- a. President Almendras: No, there is nothing limiting us from getting the individual meeting rooms
- vii. Report filed
- b. Report of the Vice-President
 - i. Meeting with Jomar Francisco and Breanna Hamilton from marketing within Dining Services
 1. Talked about disseminating information for Suhoor meals
 2. Discussed logistics of how students can access them in terms of SCE hours
 - ii. Medical Leaves of Absence
 1. Continuing to research other school's policies on medical leaves of absence
 2. Will reach out to Student Affairs Office to follow up on our last conversation regarding MLOA's
 - iii. President Matthew and I discussed with the Student Affairs Office on message reminding professors to keep in mind Ramadan is starting
 - iv. President Matthew and I have a meeting with Chancellor Miranda on Tuesday
 - v. State of the Student this Tuesday
 - vi. Report filed
- c. Report of the Treasurer
 - i. Attended the Connecting Student Leaders Event
 1. Networked and met numerous student leaders from around campus
 - ii. Moved forward with the planning and execution of the Treasury Committee's Food Truck Day
 1. Began reaching out to DOS and the food truck vendors to discuss logistics, availability, and pricing
 - iii. Planning an End of the Year Celebration with Chief of Staff Quinn Basta
 1. Will give away free food from Giodarnos and Chilango
 2. Hope to finish writing that by next week
 - iv. Moved further in the planning of the Interfaith Iftar Event with Representative Saba Ali and Ahmad Omar
 1. Hope to host it on April 26th
 - v. Counted the Reserve Fund voting and finalized the results:
 1. 1st place - Diversity & Inclusion (Arcade)
 2. 2nd place - Individual Meeting Rooms/Phone Booths (Treasury)
 3. 3rd Place - Sleeping Pods (Campus Life)
 - vi. Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Do leftover funds roll over or go into reserve funds?
 1. President Almendras: It doesn't roll over it goes into the reserve funds
 - vii. Report filed
- d. Report of the Speaker
 - i. Attended the Connecting Student Leaders event—it was great getting to speak with so many student leaders across such a diverse array of organizations!
 - ii. Deputy Chair Task Force meeting (async—doctor's appointment)
 1. Discussed campus safety/building infrastructure (ARC robbery), reserve funds results
 - a. Looking to meet with CSC to discuss further
 2. Meetings held weekly on Thursday from 10-11 am
 - iii. Representative 1-on-1's

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1. Currently commencing! Please sign up for a slot via the SignUpGenius that was sent out; these meetings are mandatory
2. In-person is preferable, Zoom option available to those who cannot make it to campus
- iv. Met with Interim Speaker Manasvi
 1. Representative Points
 - a. Reminder to submit Honorary Engagement Points for consideration! Link can be found in the packet email each week
 - 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 has made a tutorial on how to add your hours if you were having trouble—everyone must have their Office Hours in by EOD TODAY
 - b. Those who have already inputted their hours/held them have been accounted for
- v. Great job to Manasvi for leading this meeting and making the packet!
- vi. USG Social
 1. General poll for availability sent out by Manasvi
 - a. Discussing with deputies on array of mini social events
 - b. Please fill out
- vii. Internal elections will be the second to last GBM for Treasurer and Speaker
 1. All other positions are elected via the official DOS elections
 2. Treasurer and Speaker are voted by the body
 - a. Nomination (by any USG member)
 - b. Nominees will accept or deny nominations
 - c. 2 minute speech on why they should be elected
 - d. All nominees leave room and candidates are discussed and an anonymous vote is conducted and then nominees come back into the room and results are announced
 3. If you have any questions, please let me know
- viii. Report filed
- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - i. Last week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 1. Treasurer Matthew Caballes, PAC Director Zaina, DIC Director Dilay, LAC Director Aparna
 - ii. This week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 1. PAC Director Zaina, CLC Director Tejal, and SSC Director Asa
 - iii. Developing the framework for committee transition documents
 1. Directors will be expected to document useful information for future USG members to reference and utilize
 - iv. Committee members should feel free to assist
 - 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. Theme voting form sent out, please let us know which one you like best!
 - iii. Will be sending out an RSVP form soon

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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. Report filed
- g. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - i. Reserve fund meeting for Arcade Game Room with Treasurer Matoy, Director Thompson, Coordinator Booker, and Associate Director Adkisson;
 1. Discussed about the necessities/equipment and the best location for UIC Students to increase socializing at Rec Center!
 2. Follow-up Meeting on Wednesday 03.13.24
 - ii. Attended Equity and Inclusion in Engineering Program (EIEP) and UIC Woman in Engineering Programs (WIEP) “International Women’s Day: Inspire Inclusion Dinner” with DIC Deputy Chair Sajal;
 1. Happy International Women’s day to USG ladies!
 - iii. Attended Connecting Student Leaders Event;
 1. Thank you to Director Tejal, Deputy Isaiah and the Campus Life Committee for organizing such a great event!
 - iv. Wrote resolution for “UIC Cultural Fair”;
 1. Working with the Treasurer Matoy, Secretary Abbey, COS Basta, and Diversity & Inclusion Committee.
 - v. Will attend USG State of the Student Dinner;
 1. Hope to see everyone at the dinner on March 12, 6-8PM!
 - vi. Report filed
- h. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. LAC Meetings: 5PM-6PM on Mondays
 1. Written Testimony for SB2606
 2. Outreach for Social Advocacy Fair
 - ii. Meetings + Events
 1. Written testimonies for relevant legislation
 2. Collaborating with Director Zaina on Tabling
 - a. Changes: QR Code to our Instagram and combine giveaways with the tabling if we can
 - iii. New Initiatives and Updates
 1. HSI Survey: In the process of making graphics
 2. Social Advocacy Fair: Starting to get replies from organizations. Adding more organizations to the list to try and
 3. Civic Engagement Tabling: Will be combined with USG Tabling
 4. Lobby Day: SIGN UP AT THIS LINK ASAP
 - a. About 4 people planning to attend
 - iv. Report filed
- i. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. Director check in with Chief of Staff Quinn. We discussed:
 1. GBM youtube recordings
 2. PAC newsletter
 3. USG Brochure
 4. Headshots
 - ii. Created the 2024 USG Brochure/pamphlet
 - iii. Upcoming PAC initiatives:

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1. Newsletter
2. Website Introduction video with Matthew
3. Instagram post for each committee and their accomplishments/initiatives
4. Commissioner Introduction post
5. Ropes and Stoles
- iv. Cubs game tickets for USG members - Matthew
 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 6:40 pm. 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
- v. Report filed
- j. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
 - i. Thank you to the SSC for running the Reserve Funds presentation so well and to Representative Cruz for reading my report!
 - ii. Meeting with ChemER supposed to be this week, currently figuring out when.
 - iii. Meeting with the Director of Central Tutoring, Carlotta Johnson, is set for this Wednesday, March 13th at 12PM.
 - iv. Met with Stellic, a new platform that can integrate with our existing system to help improve our degree audit, picking classes, simplifying advising, planning a 4 year plan and probably more.
 1. Demo is being held tomorrow at 10AM.
 - v. In coordination with COS Basta, emailed Professor Hogan to learn more about the entrepreneurial partnerships UIC has and how we could capitalize on that.
 1. Currently working on setting up a meeting.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. Report filed
- k. Report of the Mental Health Commissioner
 - i. Past Meetings
 1. Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center
 - a. Super supportive of the Applied Psychology Peer Program
 - b. Discussed a new program in the Wellness Center called Wellness Chats
 2. Raphael Florestal-Kevelier, Assistant VC for Student Health and Well-being
 - a. Very close to rolling out applications for the Counseling Center Executive Director and the Counseling Center Director of Community Engagement and Outreach.
 - b. Two new therapists were hired in the Counseling Center!
 - i. There is going to be another round of searches, in which their goal is to add 7 more staff members who are licensed to provide counseling/therapy
 - ii. Future Meetings
 1. Dr. Galen Duncan, Senior Associate Athletics Director // Tuesday, March 12th
 2. Lynne Thompson, Director of Campus Recreation // Tuesday, March 12th
 3. Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center // Wednesday, April 3rd

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4. Representative La Shawn K. Ford // Monday, March 25th
 - iii. Initiatives
 1. Collaborations with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee
 - a. Wellness Wednesday Social Media program
 - iv. Quad Chalking
 1. Invited all Mental Health Orgs to participate
 - v. Mental Health Week (April 8th-April 12th)
 1. Town Hall
 2. Tabling
 3. Guided Painting!
 - vi. Artwork in library
 1. Working with the Dean!
 - vii. Report filed
1. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
 - i. No report

XII. Announcements

- Director Asad: If you are fasting, feel free to get up during the meeting and grab food to break your fast
- Rep. Thumu: Film Society events on Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 PM in F6 and the Secretary of State is offering DMV services from 12-4 PM info is on CSI's Instagram, ASAP is hosting a spa day from 12-2 PM on Friday

XIII. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
 - Adjourned at 7:53 PM