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I. Call to Order

- 6:06 PM

II. Roll Call

- Members not present at the time of roll call
 - Abdulmajid Yousuf (unexcused)
 - Grace Satterfield (unexcused)
 - Nathan Thokkudubiyapu (excused)
 - Sara Rothenbaum (unexcused)
 - Mauricio Suarez (excused)

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Rep. Dixit motions to add Resolution 2024-S10-3027
- Approved

V. Public Comment

- None

VI. Guest Speakers

- None

Internal Elections for Speaker of the House and Treasurer

- Treasurer nominations
 - Nomination for Michael Klimek
- Speaker of the House nominations
 - Nomination for Manasvi Thumu
- Both voted in

VII. Old Business

- Resolution 2024-S9-5009 USG Plaque Purchase
 - Favored, passed

VIII. New Business

- Resolution 2024-S10-3026 Dining Hall Survey
 - Rep. Huang: I linked a draft of the survey to this resolution and it is based on what I heard from people. If there is anything you would like to change or add just let me know
 - Commissioner Proгри: Can you please send the link in the email chain it will not open for me
- Resolution 2024-S10-1026 Charity Evening: UICPD & PCRF Collaboration for Palestine Kids
 - Rep. Amena motions to remove Palestine Children's Relief Fund and UIC Police from Co-Sponsors and add Representative Isaiah Irlbacker
 - Rep. Irlbacker motions to add "LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government will be in compliance with the DOS funding guidelines such as not directly making a donation to external organizations and entities, such as Palestine Children's Relief Fund, that are not directly supporting and geared exclusively for UIC students."
 - Favored, passed

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- Pres. Almendras: This is making it clear that USG funding cannot be donated to external organizations
- Rep. Amena motions to change Tuesday, April 16th to a date to be determined
 - Favored, passed
- Commissioner Dinh: The reason we changed the date because the cultural fair is the week we wanted to do this event so we are changing it
- SOH Zhou: Motions to amend the resolution to have a “; and” after each whereas statement
- Resolution 2024-S10-1027 CSC Wrap-up Event
- Resolution 2024-S10-3027 Anonymous Grading
 - Rep. Thumu: How would this be implemented in humanities classes? Teachers and TAs would recognize me through my writing and topic of choice. Would this work best for STEM classes?
 - Wherever is possible to do this we suggest it but we aren't forcing all classes to do this. This would work well for lab classes but for an English class if you discussed with your professor about your topic then they would know who you are so this works best for certain classes

IX. Items for Discussion

- USG Social
 - Monday slot before finals week
 - No USG funds
 - Any ideas?
 - Commissioner Proгри: A potluck so everyone can bring something to share
 - Rep. Thumu: We can do the area where Spark is held and that would be a good spot
 - COS Basta: We can do corn hole and other games we have in the office

X. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Report of the Advisor
 - i. Student Conduct Committee looking for members
 - 1. Rep. Klimek: When are applications due?
 - a. Raul: Not a real deadline but training will be in the beginning of August so get them in sooner than later
 - ii. Report filed
- b. Report of the Student Trustee
 - i. Board of Trustees Meeting (Springfield)
 - ii. University of Illinois System Lobby Day at Washington D.C with Student Leaders, Alumni, and Administrators
 - iii. USG State of the Student
 - iv. Chancellor Miranda's Investiture
 - v. UICPD 9th Annual Award Ceremony
 - vi. 2024 Student Government Elections
 - vii. Upcoming
 - 1. Lincoln Laureate Ceremony - April 12th
 - 2. Chancellor Student Service & Leadership Award Ceremony - April 18th
 - 3. UIC Grad Cruise 2024 (hosted by SAB) - April 26th
 - viii. Report filed

XI. Officer Reports

a. Report of the President

i. Updates:

1. Congratulations to USG President-Elect Asa Asad, USG Vice President-Elect Dilay Heybeli, and Student-Trustee-Elect Quinn Basta for winning the student vote! I look forward to setting up transition meetings with you all to prepare you for these positions' awesome responsibilities!
2. Continuing the effort to purchase the reserve fund projects, approved by the House last week.
3. Redirecting my attention to the USG OER Faculty Award and the 4+1 in Psychology Program. The OER Award has over 30 nominations, the majority are students!!! We can use all the help we can get, so please reach out if you would like to be involved.
4. As the year closes, the Board will be creating the USG Annual Report, transition documents, and I will be scheduling my last meetings with administration and student groups to round out some of the initiatives we set forth. As you all know, I have been in USG for all my time at UIC- 1 semester as Interim Speaker, 1 semester as Chief of Staff, 1 year as Director of Student Success, and 2 years as Student Body President. It is surreal that my time as a UIC student is coming to an end and that my service in USG will end. However, I leave knowing that I have left a lasting legacy in the programs I have started and in the next generation of USG leaders. We end this year very strong!

ii. Meetings & Events:

1. Still scheduling the meeting with Student Affairs and CSI

iii. Report filed

b. Report of the Vice-President

i. Will begin to set up final meetings with key administrators with

1. Chancellor Miranda
2. Provost Colley
3. VC Dixon

ii. President Matthew and I are still trying to schedule a meeting with CSI and Student Affairs administration to discuss how we can support student organizations better

1. Focus groups of student leaders on campus will help guide our conversations together
2. Feel free to reach out with any important notes that you think should be touched upon during this meeting
 - a. Individual typed story submissions would also be helpful to convey specific examples of lack of support

iii. Finalizing important information for Vice President transition documents

1. Will begin to key in new Vice President to make transition smooth for next year
 - a. Still in communication with outside inquiry about AI tool to help student governments with their initiatives
 - b. Will be testing out their tool soon to see how well it works

iv. Report filed

c. Report of the Treasurer

- i. Worked with Deputy Treasurer Klimek and Secretary Pettieno on ordering the decorations for the gala

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- ii. Submitted and discussed the event details with Dean of Students for Food Truck Day
 - 1. Please sign up to help volunteer/service the event!
 - iii. Met with CSC Director Veronica to discuss the UICPD charity event
 - 1. Plan to spend around \$1,000 for the event
 - iv. Met with Director Heybeli to discuss the Cultural Event
 - 1. Will purchase food from Giodarno's, Chilangos, Yummy Thai, Baba Pita, Jimmy Johns, and UIC Catering
 - v. Today's catering includes:
 - 1. Grill box Hamburgers
 - 2. BBQ chicken sandwiches HALAL
 - 3. Grill box veggie burgers
 - 4. Buffalo chicken mac and cheese
 - 5. Assorted cookies & brownies
 - vi. Report filed
- d. Report of the Speaker
- i. Congratulations to the incoming Speaker of the House and Treasurer!
 - ii. Deputy Chair Task Force meeting (async)
 - 1. Discussed USG unity, perception of USG, and methods to inform student body on initiatives/resolutions
 - iii. Representative Points System
 - 1. Please be reminded to submit points via the Honorary Engagement Points form!
 - a. Directors—please provide me with updates on who is helping out with your events and initiatives
 - 2. Top 3 individuals with the most points accumulated throughout the semester will be recognized at the USG Gala for their engagement!
 - 3. Rep with most points will have the opportunity to give a speech at the USG Gala
 - iv. USG Plaque
 - 1. Triple check the spelling of your name on the document attached to the plaque funding resolution
 - v. USG Spring Social—Monday, 4/22 from 6-8pm (usual GBM time)
 - 1. Reach out to me if you would like to help coordinate this!
 - vi. Report filed
- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
- i. Last week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 - 1. Treasurer Matthew Caballes, DIC Director Dilay
 - ii. This week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
 - 1. PAC Director Zaina, LAC Director Aparna, CLC Director Tejal, and SSC Director Asa
 - iii. Reached out to Directors with transition document template
 - iv. Invited SAAC to participate in the USG Food Truck Day
 - v. UIC's First Annual Finance Reception is this Thursday!
 - vi. Report filed
- f. Report of the Secretary
- i. Contract and deposit forms from Lincoln Park were passed onto the DOS Office to complete
 - 1. Still waiting on!
 - a. RSVP form due this Friday <https://forms.gle/E54s72yhdQ4ors5Q7>

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- ii. 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!
 - 1. We need clubs to invite!
 - iii. Decorations are being ordered this week, spreadsheet sent to DOS
 - iv. Report filed
- g. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
- i. Communicating with Women's Leadership and Resource Center's Advocacy Services Director Kelly Maginot;
 - 1. Portraits of a Survivor: Zine-Making for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, on Tuesday, April 9th, from 3:30-5 PM at the WLRC (Suite 1700 in Student Services Building) in commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - 2. Worked with PAC Director Zaina to use USG social media account to promote Zine-Making for sexual assault to increase awareness!
 - 3. WLRC invites USG members to this event which facilitated by Greenlight Counseling, an organization that provides free trauma therapy to college and university survivors of sexual violence.
 - ii. DIC had a Committee Meeting on Friday 5.5, 4-5PM!
 - iii. Working on the UIC Cultural Fair preparation with DIC members!
 - iv. Working on Arcade Lounge to choose the most effective items for increasing social areas at UIC Campus!
 - v. Working on International Students issues. Will have meetings for the International Student issues for this upcoming week with UIC Global!
 - vi. Report filed
- h. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- i. Congrats to our new Speaker of The House! Best of luck next year!!
 - ii. We had our last LAC meeting last week!
 - 1. Thank you to the most wonderful committee! Truly could not have done this without you all!
 - iii. Meetings + Events
 - 1. Planning a Follow-Up Meeting with Representative Ford
 - 2. Planning a meeting with the Office of Governmental Relations on Bills
 - a. If you are interested please let me know!
 - iv. New Initiatives and Updates
 - 1. General USG Survey: Looking to include in the transition documents for next year!
 - a. If you have anything in particular you would like to see on this please let me know!
 - 2. If you have any advice/things to add on the transition documents, please let me know!
 - 3. Lobby Day (Tuesday, April 16th): Completely full! If you are attending, please let me know!
 - v. Report filed
- i. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
- i. Coordinated with Commissioner Tereza to promote for Mental Health Week on social media
 - ii. Coordinated with Ashley Huang on advertising the dining hall survey
 - iii. Helped advertise the "Student Legal Services" post on Instagram

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- iv. Advertised voting on Instagram for the student elections last week
 - v. PAC meeting today. Discussed end of semester plans: newsletter, tiktok, and future outreach for USG.
 - vi. Report filed
- j. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
- i. Emailing Department Heads in relation to the Joint BS/MS program to be held next week.
 - ii. Attend the Blaze Venture Challenge! It's April 16th at 5:30PM in SCE 301. There's free food, great ideas, and so much more!
 - iii. Currently working with Rep Shakar on a guide to finding research at UIC. Currently working with Rep Amena on a guide to finding resources to succeed as a new student at UIC.
 - iv. OER meets soon to discuss awardees.
 - v. Please remember to attend the Mental Health Week hosted by the Mental Health Commission this week! There's many great events and people coming to speak. We'd love to see a huge turnout from USG!
 - vi. Working on transition docs for the next Director of Student Success.
 - 1. If there's anything you think the future DoSS should work on, let me know! I'm happy to incorporate it in the framework of programs and initiatives to pass along.
 - vii. I yield time for the Report of the Mental Health Commissioner.
 - viii. Report filed
- k. Report of the Mental Health Commissioner
- i. Past Meetings
 - 1. Meeting with Raphael Florestal-Kevelier, Assistant VC of Student Health and Well-being
 - a. Got canceled last minute, and I am waiting to receive email updates based on our agenda items.
 - 2. Recorded our "Wellness Wednesday" collab video with incoming SAAC President, Luke!
 - a. It was so much fun; we also got a tour of the Flames Athletic Center!
 - ii. Future Meetings
 - 1. Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center // Wednesday, April 10th
 - 2. Initiatives
 - a. Mental Health Week (April 8th-April 12th)
 - i. Tabling
 - 1. Was today! Was super successful! Gave out leftover journals, pop-sockets, and desserts from UIC Catering!
 - ii. Town Hall
 - 1. Tomorrow @ 3:00-4:30pm // Fort Dearborn Room B. Representative Howard, NAMI Representative, Dr. Taliaferro. Video Update from Natalia, Director of PHI!
 - 2. There will be food! This event is required!
 - iii. Guided Painting!
 - 1. Friday, April 12th @ 3:00-5:00pm // SCE 713
 - a. Bring your friends
 - 3. Make Mondays Matter Series with the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Office
 - a. Monday, April 15th | 11am-1pm

- i. Making positive affirmations in the commuter center from 11am-1pm, passing out affirmations to students from 12pm-1pm.
 4. Stress Ball Giveaway April 24th!
 - iii. Food Drive Update
 1. USG was able to make a generous donation to the Pop-Up Pantry!
 2. The Honors College donated the most food!
 - a. They will be receiving their desserts as their 1st place prize on Wednesday of this week!
 - iv. Report filed
- I. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
 - i. Meeting with Representative Ashley:
 1. Purpose: Discussion on improving dining services for students, focusing on:
 - a. Diverse dietary restriction labeling enhancement.
 - b. Enhanced vegetarian protein options.
 - c. Gathering feedback on provided food quality.
 2. Key Points:
 - a. Agreement on the need for comprehensive dietary labels to cater to diverse student needs.
 - b. Emphasis on introducing more varied and nutritious vegetarian protein choices.
 - c. Plan outlined for the distribution and collection of dining surveys to ensure effective feedback gathering.
 - ii. Meeting with Safety Commissioner Veronica:
 1. Purpose: Planning the safety training session and nasal distribution event.
 2. Key Points:
 - a. Scheduled safety training session for April 10th and 11th in SCE Room 713.
 - b. Discussed strategies to encourage student participation, including promotional activities.
 - c. Decision to distribute event information to residential housing on campus for wider outreach.
 - iii. Meeting with Chief of Staff Quinn Basta:
 1. Purpose: Discussing campus life and RSO initiatives, and supporting the dining service survey.
 2. Key Points:
 - a. Exploration of campus life initiatives to enhance student experience.
 - b. Identified ways to support dining service survey outreach to students.
 - iv. Report filed
- m. Report of the Campus Safety Commission
 - i. 4/10: Narcan Nasal Spray training session with Chicago Recovery Alliance 12-3 P.M in room Student Centre East 713 with residential housing and library distribution starting on 4/11 (Resolution 2024-S4-3013)
 - ii. 3/27: Meeting with Kelly Birch Maginot (CAN) and Natalie D. A. Bennett (WLRC) discussing domestic violence data collection and collaboration initiatives.
 - iii. 4/9: Portraits of a Survivor: Zinemaking for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 3:30-5 P.M (PROMOTION instead)
 - iv. 4/17: CSC Tabling Event - Remaining Nightcap distribution, collecting student responses through some surveys, sharing CAN resources as the rule of thumb in crisis intervention

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and safety planning to promote survivors' physical safety and mental and emotional well-being.

1. General Safety Perception
 2. Physical Safety Measures
 3. Safety Resources and Support Services
 4. Community Engagement and Prevention Programs
 5. Suggestions and Feedback
- v. 4/5: Meeting with Chief Booker to confirm his department availability and his interests in the UICPD charity event.
 - vi. 4/16: Charity Evening - Collaboration with UICPD and PCRf with fun activities, networking among 3 organizations, Q&A and direct donation to PCRf account.
 - vii. 4/3: Meeting with Jermaine Harris, Response Team Sergeant, Chicago Police Department conversing effective strategies in facilitating constructive dialogue and trust-building between police officers and community members.
 - viii. New UIC Ride App, which helps you navigate our campus, get to class or work on time and travel safely late at night, is available now in the App Store and Google Play.
 - ix. UIC & PSPM Sustainability Collaboration relates on-campus waste data collection and analysis toward the end of April.
 - x. 3/27: Brief meeting Dean of Library, Rhea for updates on the Active Shooter Drill at Daley.
 - xi. Working with PAC to promote news, events above, and updates on CRA and CAN resources, as well as raising awareness among students on personal health and physical safety guidelines as soon as possible.
 - xii. Report filed

XII. Announcements

- Rep. Thumu: Film Society is hosting a collab event on Thursday with SDS at 6 PM in a TBD location and watching the Chicago Seven. SDS will be giving an informational session—Latin American Music Festival 11th-13th in SCE. PCRf is hosting a volleyball event; you can sign up for it (it will close soon). The event is on April 19th at 4 PM. The URF is on Monday. Black Student Leadership Gallery on the 11th from 9-4:30. Tomorrow is the student org expo in SCE for APIDA Month.
- Director Asad: The first 24 people get a free tote bag and paint for the Light the Way Event
- Director Heybeli: We need helpers for the Cultural Fair; if you want to work, it will be super fun, and please email me to let me know
- President Almendras: Congratulations to Manasvi and Michael on their positions!
- Rep. Narang: Even if you are not a finance or business major, I do recommend you attend the finance reception, and your support would be greatly appreciated
- Rep. Dasgupta: For the Latin Music Fest, Thursday and Friday are local bands from CPS, and then Saturday is the big day of events with food trucks, music, dancing, and a craft fair
- Commissioner Dinh: Come to the Narcan event to get free Narcan and be trained on how to use it!

XIII. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
 - Adjourned at 7:34 PM