



**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
**Undergraduate Student Government**  
**Spring 2024 – April 1 – Meeting IX**

**Voting Members: 30**

**Quorum: 16**

**Ex Officio:**

<b>Advisor:</b>	Carlos Mata Raul Fernandez	<b>House:</b>	Abdulmajid Yousuf Ahmad Omar	Manasvi Thumu Meghna Dasgupta
<b>Student Trustee:</b>	Mohammed Haq		Alexis Mata Aminah Ahmed	Michael Klimek Moiz Zafar Shakir
<b><u>Executive:</u></b>			Anthony Cruz	Nataly Rodriguez
<b>President:</b>	Matthew Almendras		Aryaman Narang	Nathan Thokkudubiyapu
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Michael Fernandes		Ashley Huang	Nina Fonseca
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Matoy Caballes		Christina Somik	Saba Ali
<b>Chief of Staff:</b>	Quinn Basta		Dhanushri Devi Kannan	Saide Flores
<b>Chairs:</b>	Dilay Heybeli Aparna Ramakrishnan Zaina Alramahi Asa Asad Tejal Gupta		Diya Sharma Grace Sands Grace Satterfield Isaiah Irlbacker Jacob Maduakolam Jeremy Rivera Jesse Ghoman Jiya Patel	Sajal Shukla Sara Rothenbaum Syeda Amena
<b><u>Legislative:</u></b>			Kartikeya Dixit Madaline Lopez	
<b>Speaker of The House:</b>	Michelle Zhou			
<b>Secretary:</b>	Abigail Pettineo			
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| I.    | Call to Order                                | IX. | Items for Discussion                                     |
| II.   | Roll Call                                    | X.  | Ex Officio Reports                                       |
| III.  | Reading and Approval of the Minutes          |     | a. Report of the Advisor                                 |
| IV.   | Reading and Approval of the Agenda           |     | b. Report of the Student Trustee                         |
| V.    | Public Comment                               | XI. | Officer Reports  |
| VI.   | Guest Speakers                               |     | a. Report of the President                               |
|       | a. Jair Alvarez - Student Advocacy Coalition |     | b. Report of the Vice-President                          |
| VII.  | Old Business                                 |     | c. Report of the Treasurer                               |
|       | a. Resolution 2024-S8-5008                   |     | d. Report of the Speaker                                 |
| VIII. | New Business                                 |     | e. Report of the Chief of Staff                          |
|       | a. Resolution 2024-S9-1024                   |     | f. Report of the Secretary                               |
|       | b. Resolution 2024-S9-1025                   |     | g. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair |
|       | c. Resolution 2024-S9-3020                   |     | h. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair     |
|       | d. Resolution 2024-S9-3021                   |     | i. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair          |
|       | e. Resolution 2024-S9-3022                   |     | j. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair         |
|       | f. Resolution 2024-S9-3023                   |     |  |
|       | g. Resolution 2024-S9-3024                   |     |  |
|       | h. Resolution 2024-S9-3025                   |     |  |
|       | i. Resolution 2024-S9-5009                   |     |  |

- k. Report of the Campus Life  
Committee Chair
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment

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I. Call to Order

- 6:07 PM

II. Roll Call

- Members not present at the time of roll call
  - Abdulmajid Yousuf (unexcused)
  - Alexis Mata (unexcused)
  - Anthony Cruz (excused)
  - Jeremy Rivera (excused)
  - Madaline Lopez (unexcused)
  - Meghna Dasgupta (excused)
  - Moiz Zafar Shakir (excused)

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

- Resolution 2024-S7-1021 UIC Cultural Fair
  - Secretary Pettineo motions to amend the Resolution to say “in the Quad” instead of “location TBD” and instead of the “3rd week of April” to say “April 18th, 2024, from 1:30-4:30 PM”
  - Director Heybeli: The food we will be giving out will be from UIC Catering, Jimmy Johns, Giordanno’s, Yummy Thai, Chilangos, Baba Pita
  - Rep. Kannan: Can you include the specific foods you are getting as well as the ingredients for people with allergies?
    - Director Heybeli: Yes
  - Rep. Narang: How many people are you accommodating
    - Director Heybeli: Because this will be in the quad, we will be targeting as many people as possible, and it will be open to all students
- Resolution 2024-S7-1022 USG Food Truck Day
  - Treasurer Caballes motions to amend the Resolution to say April 16th from 11AM-4PM on April 16th instead of the early weeks of April and to remove all of the vendors except Chicago Food Truck Hub and replace with Micha Catering and A Sweets Girls Cupcake Food Truck
  - President Almendras: Why has Wild Fries been removed?
    - Treasurer Caballes: When I asked for a quote and their certifications, they were not very willing, and Trucking Delicious never responded and does not have permits to sell in Chicago. I talked to Micha Catering and they only sell boba (\$1000). A Sweets Girl would be 300 cupcakes with beverages for 4 hours (\$2800). The Chicago Food Truck Hub quote is not yet ready but we are deciding what we want to get from them and then will get a quote (taco truck has halal and vegetarian options which we will definitely have) as well as either mediterranean

or American food. We are also thinking about renting out furniture for people to seat

- Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Students like free food so they will come out so if businesses run out of food early then what happens? How do we ensure it is there for the full time and students get something?
- Treas. Caballes: Goal 300-400 students and first come first serve
- Director Ramakrishnan: Lobby day is April 16th. Can we move the day?
  - Treas. Caballes: No, unfortunately, this worked best
- Rep. Patel: If you want it to last 11-4, you could ask the vendors to come at different times to space it out so it doesn't run out all at once
- Rep Thumu: You could also do a ticket system and give students one or 2 so the students can grab all 4 options
  - Treas. Caballes: This would also force students to talk to USG
- Rep. Klimek: About staggering the times, one concern is that not all trucks have dietary restriction options
- Commissioner Proгри: Another concern about staggering is that the line would be really long for the food truck
- SOH Zhou: I think the ticket system is a great idea and everyone can help out with that
- Rep. Kannan: Are we doing a spring thing like we did in fall?
  - SOH Zhou: Yes
- Pres. Almendras: When does lobby day end?
  - Director Ramakrishnan: After 4 pm
- Resolution 2024-S7-5005 USG Brochures and Promotional Material
  - Rep. Thokkudubiyapu: Will this be ready for the food truck day?
    - Dir. Alramahi: No probably not
  - Com. Proгри: Can we get those printed by staples?
    - Dir. Alramahi: I can look into that
  - Pres. Almendras: CDS takes about 2 weeks but I can talk to someone from it to get it sooner
- Resolution 2024-S7-5006 USG Commissioner Realignment and Appropriations
  - Rep. Narang: What was the last event done by the Campus Safety Commission? How did it go?
    - Commissioner Dinh: The event is on April 10th so it is coming up and the Narcan spray will be handed out that same day. The training session will also occur then and I spoke to the Dean of the Library and Director of Campus Housing and they said yes to having Narcan on hand at those locations
    - Rep. Maduakolam: Why do they get money for being a commissioner?
      - President Almendras: Commissioners get paid because they are technically part of the board and that is something we will fine tune about where they stand in the hierarchy. But they get paid, because their work is very important to what USG does

#### VIII. New Business

- Resolution 2024-S8-5008 Canva Pro Funding

#### IX. Items for Discussion

- Spring USG Social
  - SOH Zhou: Manasvi is planning more casual USG socials, but what was brought up during one-on-ones was that some people cannot make the Gala at the end of the year so

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we discussed the possibility of having a full-body social at the end of the year. Would you like us to use USG funds or no funds to have a social at the end of the semester? It is important to celebrate our work with everyone present

- Rep. Irlbacker: I was part of some of these discussions, and I think it would be best to have a larger group meeting and to network
- Rep. Klimek: I think it depends on how much money we have left over at the end of the semester if we can use funds or not
- Treas. Caballes: What if we go bowling?
- Pres. Almendras: I am very supportive of having an end-of-the-year social. That reminds me that someone from the Cubs marketing team reached out about us going to a game so we could center something around that on April 23rd
- SOH Zhou: I think we should stick to the Monday time because everyone is available then
- Treas. Caballes: We can see how much we spend on the last resolutions so we hopefully have funds for a social
- Rep. Thumu: For the smaller socials, I will be holding it from 5-6 PM on Thursday and I will be sending the location details in the GroupMe and email. I was thinking of doing a study session at Living Water Tea House because they have internet and nice tables for us to work at for finals preparations

#### X. Ex Officio Reports

##### a. Report of the Advisor

- i. Email for DOS search for Community Standards, and we are looking for USG members to join us from 12-12:50 PM on those days
- ii. USG elections are next week, and UIC Connection has the event and voter form already created
- iii. There have been some concerns about if the internet crashes, and if it does, a paper ballot will be made available
- iv. Rep. Thumu: I am not sure if EPC coordinates the RHA elections
  1. Carlos: No, we do not
- v. Report filed

##### b. Report of the Student Trustee

- i. No report

#### XI. Officer Reports

##### a. Report of the President

- i. Vice President Fernandes and I met with Chancellor Miranda and discussed the Chancellor's Status Committee on MENA Americans, Student Organization Support, and other general student/UIC issues. Big news: Chancellor Miranda will be creating two Chancellor Status Committees for Arab/Palestinian students and for Jewish students! We also shared concerns RSOs face at UIC and she will help us address these concerns!
- ii. Meeting with ERC: We discussed our bill tracker and the continued relationship between USG and ERC/SAC. They love our bill tracker and the idea that USG will, incrementally, be more involved in legislation that we have common interests in. It was agreed to do more meetings and briefings on higher education legislation potentially
- iii. U of I System Lobby Day in DC: I participated in the U of I System Lobby Day in DC with the Student Body Presidents of UIUC and UIS over Spring Break. It was a pleasure meeting them and working with them to lobby the Illinois delegation to get the U of I

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System research funding and increase student financial aid. Greatly grateful to ERC and SAC for organizing another successful DC Lobby Day!

- iv. Wellness Days: It is 100% confirmed- wellness days in the Fall semester will be implemented next Fall 2024!
- v. The Dean of Students is looking for assistance as we will be conducting on-campus interviews for the Associate Director of Community Standards. We are looking for members of USG to participate in the interview process with the candidates during these times:
  1. Wednesday, March 27th, 2024: From 12-12:50, Location TBA
  2. Thursday, March 28th, 2024: From 12-12:50, Location TBA
  3. Friday, March 29th, 2024: From 12-12:50, Location TBA
  4. Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024: From 12-12:50, Location TBA
- vi. Meetings & Events:
  1. VC of Student Affairs & CSI: TBD
- vii. Representative Syeda had an idea of how to engage UIC Police with Palestinian students
  1. Rep. Amena: My initiative was to host a charity that involves raising funds for Children in Palestine, which would be a collaboration with UIC Police and this would create a safe space for students to interact with the police.
  2. Pres. Almendras: This follows up on promoting charities and philanthropies that provide aid to Palestine from our initiative earlier this semester. We thought about doing a pie in the face, a dunk tank, etc That would be a fundraiser for PCRf, and then they can pie the police officer, and then officers have the chance to talk to students on a more personal level. Does anyone have thoughts or ideas? Pieing in the face is a no due to violence
    - a. Rep. Irlbacker: I am very supportive of this, but my question is will any USG funds be directly going toward this charity?
      - i. Pres. Almendras: No, the funding guidelines do not let us do that. I will look into if we can use funds for decorations or something for the event
      - ii. Rep. Thumu: I think the dunk tank is a good idea if the officers are willing to do it because I know there are some stipulations of touching police officers so this is safer for police officers and fun
      - iii. Rep. Maduakolam: What if there is protesting or retaliation?
        1. Pres. Almendras: We will try to coordinate that with relevant stakeholders, and I think that since this is for a charity, that should help and be an opportunity for open dialogue
      - iv. Rep. Narang: What do you think of paintball guns?
        1. Pres. Almendras: No, that is too harsh
      - v. Rep. Maduakolam: Why do we have to do this with officers?
        1. Pres. Almendras: Some students have negative perceptions of the UIC PD so we want to have an event where students can feel comfortable with the people who are supposed to protect us. I think we should do this before the semester ends
  - viii. Report filed
  - b. Report of the Vice-President
    - i. State of Student on 3/12

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1. Great event to present what student government has been accomplishing recently to all of the community, administration, and campus partners present
  - ii. President Matthew and I had a meeting with Chancellor Miranda on 3/12
    1. Discussed issues student groups are facing on campus
    2. Resources available to students
    3. Higher Learning Commission evaluation
  - iii. Communicated with Office of the Provost about logistics for the student wellness day that will be implemented for Fall 2024
    1. Applies to all undergraduates and graduates except those at the College of Medicine
  - iv. Report filed
- c. Report of the Treasurer
  - i. Discussed with Representatives Saba and Ahmad about Iftar
    1. In the process of submitting the exemption forms and food orders for the event
  - ii. Discussed with Director Dilay Heybeli on the Cultural Fair Day
  - iii. Set up meetings with administration from the SCE, Library, and Rec Center
    1. Will discuss the finalized reserve funds results in these upcoming weeks
  - iv. Reached out to numerous food truck vendors for our Food Truck Day
    1. Have confirmed the date with A.Sweets Girl Cupcake Truck and Mycha Catering
    2. Still discussing details with other food trucks
  - v. Began setting up the Homecoming Tailgate Award Dinner with Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
    1. Plan to have it at Hawkeye's Bar & Grill
  - vi. Report filed
- d. Report of the Speaker
  - i. Attended State of the Students event
    1. Proud of all the work we've done as USG, great speech from President Matthew!
  - ii. Deputy Chair Task Force meeting
    1. Discussed past GBM's business, initiative/committee progress, USG Social
    2. Meetings held weekly on Thursday from 10-11 am
  - iii. Representative 1-on-1's
    1. Thank you to everyone who I've spoken to thus far!
    2. This is the last week for meetings—please sign up for a slot via the SignUpGenius that was sent out; these are mandatory and will be counted as an unexcused absence if not completed
    3. In-person preferable, Zoom option available to those who cannot make it to campus
  - iv. Met with Interim Speaker Manasvi
    1. Great job to Manasvi for leading the last meeting and making the packet!
    2. USG Social
      - a. General poll for availability sent out by Manasvi
        - i. Discussing with deputies on array of mini social events
        - b. Full body social at the end of the year?
  - v. Internal Elections – Treasurer and Speaker
    1. Second to last GBM will be our internal elections for the positions of Treasurer and Speaker!
  - vi. Process:
    1. Nomination: Individuals must be nominated to be considered

- a. Any USG member can nominate someone—you can even nominate yourself!
    - b. Nominees must accept or decline the nomination
  2. Speech
    - a. Those who accept the nomination must give a short speech (no longer than 2 minutes) on why they should be elected for the position
  3. Discussion
    - a. Once speeches are done, nominated members will exit the room while everyone else participates in a discussion
  4. Voting
    - a. There will be an anonymous vote; once votes are counted, the nominated members may return to the room and results will be announced
- vii. Report filed
- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
  - i. Last week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
    1. PAC Director Zaina and SSC Director Asa
  - ii. This week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
    1. CLC Director Tejal, Treasurer Matthew Caballes, DIC Director Dilay, LAC Director Aparna
  - iii. Continued developing the framework for committee transition documents
    1. To be finalized by GBM 9
  - iv. Report filed
- f. Report of the Secretary
  - i. Reminder: Gala is May 13th 6-9 PM Lincoln Park Zoo
    1. We will have a shuttle bus from SCE
    2. Invite to be sent out for your RSVP soon
  - ii. Still waiting for DOS Office to submit the contract and make the initial deposit
  - iii. Theme is.....
    1. Enchanted Forest!
  - iv. Rep. Klimek: Can we bring plus ones?
    1. Secretary Pettineo: Yes
  - v. Rep. Narang: Can the plus one be outside of USG because what if someone gets upset about why they weren't invited?
    1. Secretary Pettineo and President Almendras: We will be inviting students from organizations around campus. For example, those that attended the Connecting Student Leaders events as well as members of the RSO focus group and tailgate participants
  - vi. Report filed
- g. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
  - i. Organizing Cultural Fair;
    1. Creating a menu from many different cultures with vegetarian, and halal options!
    2. Communicating with Catering restaurants
    3. Searching for accessories and international treats!
    4. Will connect with Cultural Centers
    5. Will connect with Cultural Organizations
  - ii. Interacting with international students to hearing about their ideas and concerns;
    1. Will connect with Office of International Students



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2. Will connect with UIC Global
- iii. Working with Treasurer Matoy and building managers for the Arcade reserve funds project!
- iv. Report filed
- h. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
  - i. LAC Meetings: 5PM-6PM on Mondays
    1. Written Testimony for Legislation
    2. Social Advocacy Fair THIS WEEK!
    3. Primaries were last week!
    4. Planning a meeting to discuss Student Bill of Rights and Chicago Statement
  - ii. Meetings + Events
    1. Meeting with Representative Ford earlier today
      - a. Discussed mental health legislation
      - b. Creating a Peer Support Program in Illinois
    2. Written testimonies for relevant legislation
      - a. SB2606 Update: Favored in committee! Going to the Senate floor!
    3. Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latinos
      - a. Meets next week!
      - b. Planning to inform them of our HSI survey and ask them to help us promote it through various stakeholders
      - c. If you are interested in attending please let me know!
    4. Social Advocacy Fair
      - a. This Thursday! Please come out if you can!
  - iii. New Initiatives and Updates
    1. Social Advocacy Fair: SIGN UP AT THIS LINK TO HELP OUT
    2. Lobby Day (Tuesday, April 16th): SIGN UP AT THIS LINK ASAP
  - 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. Website Updates
  - ii. Finalized the 2024 USG Brochure/pamphlet
  - iii. Finalized canva resolution
  - iv. Ordered Ropes and Stoles for Senior Graduates- should be coming in before May 1st
  - v. Upcoming meeting with Web administrator Maurico. We will discuss:
    1. Website Introduction video of President Matthew
    2. Feature office hours on the website along with google calendar.
    3. Updating Slideshow pictures
  - vi. Upcoming meeting this week with Deputy Dhanushri to discuss member spotlight, newsletter, and upcoming tabling.
  - vii. Diversity and Inclusion, Treasury, and Campus Life committees please stay after the meeting to take committee pictures for the website.
  - viii. Report filed
- j. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
  - i. Meeting with ChemER

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1. Met with President Nick Hok to discuss current organization practices and see what their plans are for expansion.
  - a. Learned a lot on how volunteer tutors are trained and how this could be expanded across the UIC community.
- ii. Meeting with the Director of Central Tutoring, Carlotta Johnson, is set for this Wednesday, March 27th at 12PM.
- iii. Stellic Demo.
  1. Went super well! They can completely integrate into the existing platforms we have here at UIC but are much easier to use and have a lot of features that admin can use to highlight academic concerns which is a great feature.
- iv. 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. Meeting is tomorrow, 3/26 at 10AM.
  2. If you or a friend is interested in pitching business ideas and winning cash prizes, participate in the Blaze Venture Challenge! Please find more info at this link:
  3. <https://innovation.uic.edu/spark-innovation-hub/entrepreneurial-pathways/blazeventurechallenge/>
- v. The Student Success Committee meets Mondays from 5-6PM in the CSI Lounge.
- vi. Report filed
- k. Report of the Mental Health Commissioner
  - i. Past Meetings
    1. Dr. Galen Duncan, Senior Associate Athletics Director
      - a. Discussed the mental health support that athletes have access to
      - b. Talked about possible points for collaboration
    2. Lynne Thompson, Director of Campus Recreation
      - a. Discussed the importance of physical activity on mental health and overall wellness
      - b. Possible collaboration on an Exercise is Medicine Event in April!
    3. Director Aparna and Reps from the MHC met with Representative Ford this morning
    4. Attended the State of the Student Dinner
  - ii. Future Meetings
    1. Graduate Assistant from the Wellness Center // Tuesday, March 26th
    2. Graduate Student from the SLCE // Wednesday, March 27th
    3. Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center // Wednesday, April 3rd
    4. Raphael Florestal-Kevelier, Assistant VC of Student Health and Well-being // Tuesday, April 2nd
  - iii. Initiatives
    1. Message from NAMI:
      - a. A way to advocate for increased funding for college mental health services is by emailing our legislators! I will follow up with an email on the chain to show you how you can contact them!
    2. Collaborations with the Student Athletic Advisory Council
      - a. Wellness Wednesday Social Media program
      - b. Keep an eye out for it in April
    3. Quad Chalking
      - a. Invited all Mental Health Orgs to participate
      - b. Happening April 1st! If you would like to stop by, please do!
    4. Mental Health Week (April 8th-April 12th)
      - a. Tabling

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- i. Monday, April 8 @ 10am-12pm // In front of the SCE Bookstore
    - b. Town Hall
      - i. Tuesday, April 9th @ 3:00-4:30 pm // Fort Dearborn Room B
    - c. Guided Painting!
      - i. Friday, April 12th @ 3:00-5:00pm // SCE 713
  5. Artwork in library
    - a. Working with the Dean!
  6. Meeting with the SLCE to discuss a collaboration on their “Make Mondays Matter” event series.
  7. Peer support program
    - a. Brainstormed ideas on how we can effectively bring it to UIC
    - b. Possibly reviving a Crisis-counseling class to make this happen!
  - iv. Giveaway towards the end of the semester during finals week!
  - v. Report filed
- I. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
  - i. Meeting with President Matthew:
    1. Discussed logistics for the semester.
    2. Explored campus life initiatives for the upcoming months.
  - ii. Campus Life Committee Meeting:
    1. Held discussions with representatives.
    2. Explored various campus life initiatives and strategies.
  - iii. Focus on RSO Support:
    1. Discussed bringing Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) together.
    2. Explored ways to address RSO challenges and improve support/resources.
    3. Plan to collaborate with the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) on this.
  - iv. Communication with PAC:
    1. Reached out to Zaina and Emma regarding RSO initiative flyers.
    2. Coordinating updates about RSO initiatives on Instagram.
  - v. Attendance at USG State of the Student Dinner (3/12)
  - vi. Upcoming Meetings:
    1. Meeting with the Treasury to discuss increasing outdoor seating area on campus.
    2. Check-in scheduled with Quinn Basta, Chief of Staff.
  - vii. Report filed

## XII. Announcements

- Rep Thumu: mini social on thursday from 5-6 PM, Film Society is watching a horror movie at 6 (House), FIA and a Fraternity are doing a fundraiser on Friday to sell ube cookies and mango salgo, on Thursday it is trans day of visibility so there will be an open mic at 12 PM on the quad
- Dir. Heybeli: There will be a presentation on a self made millionaire in the CS lounge on April 3

## XIII. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
  - Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Timestamp	Email Address	Name	Resolution Code (If other plea	Vote
3/25/2024 18:15:28	jpate314@uic.edu	Jiya Patel	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:15:29	anaran20@uic.edu	Aryaman Narang	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
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3/25/2024 18:16:14	sroth9@uic.edu	Sara Rothenbaum	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:16:19	dkann@uic.edu	Dhanushri Devi Kannan	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:16:32	jmadu2@uic.edu	Jacob Maduakolam	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:16:40	gsand8@uic.edu	Grace Sands	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:16:57	ksomik2@uic.edu	Khrystyna Somik	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:11	mthum2@uic.edu	Manasvi Thumu	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:13	nthok2@uic.edu	Nathan Thokkudubiyapu	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:15	aomar20@uic.edu	Ahmad	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:15	jghom2@uic.edu	Jesse Ghoman	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:15	iirlba2@uic.edu	Isaiah Irlbacker	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:15	kdixit4@uic.edu	Kartikeya Dixit	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:15	anaran20@uic.edu	Aryaman Narang	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:16	nrodr37@uic.edu	Nataly Rodriguez	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:16	ahuan5@uic.edu	Ashley Huang	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)

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3/25/2024 18:28:17	jpate314@uic.edu	Jiya Patel	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:16	mklm7@uic.edu	Michael Klimek	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:21	jmadu2@uic.edu	Jacob Maduakolam	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Nay (opposed)
3/25/2024 18:28:21	dsharm29@uic.edu	Diya Sharma	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:22	dkann@uic.edu	Dhanushri Devi Kannan	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:23	nfons2@uic.edu	Nina Fonseca	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:29	slnu26@uic.edu	Syeda Amena	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:30	sshuk6@uic.edu	Sajal Shukla	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:35	gsatt2@uic.edu	Grace Satterfield	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:36	sroth9@uic.edu	Sara Rothenbaum	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:47	gsand8@uic.edu	Grace Sands	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:56	ksomik2@uic.edu	Khrystyna Somik	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:28:58	sali206@uic.edu	Saba Ali	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:35	jpate314@uic.edu	Jiya Pate;	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:37	mthum2@uic.edu	Manasvi Thumu	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:43	nrodr37@uic.edu	Nataly Rodriguez	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:43	dkann@uic.edu	Dhanushri Devi Kannan	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:43	iirlba2@uic.edu	Isaiah Irlbacker	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:43	aomar20@uic.edu	Ahmad	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:44	gsatt2@uic.edu	Grace Satterfield	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:45	kdixit4@uic.edu	Kartikeya Dixit	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:45	nfons2@uic.edu	Nina Fonseca	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:46	jghom2@uic.edu	Jesse Ghoman	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:46	mklm7@uic.edu	Michael Klimek	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:48	sali206@uic.edu	Saba Ali	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:49	ahuan5@uic.edu	Ashley Huang	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:50	dsharm29@uic.edu	Diya Sharma	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:52	ksomik2@uic.edu	Khrystyna Somik	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:52	jmadu2@uic.edu	Jacob Mdaukolam	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:53	sshuk6@uic.edu	Sajal Shukla	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)

Timestamp	Email Address	Name	Resolution Code (If other plea	Vote
3/25/2024 18:32:55	nthok2@uic.edu	Nathan Thokkudubiyapu	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:32:56	gsand8@uic.edu	Grace Sands	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:33:03	anaran20@uic.edu	Aryaman Narang	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:33:09	sroth9@uic.edu	Sara Rothenbaum	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:33:29	slnu26@uic.edu	Syeda Amena	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:52	jpate314@uic.edu	Jiya Patel	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:53	sroth9@uic.edu	Sara Rothenbaum	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:54	sali206@uic.edu	Saba Ali	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:56	iirlba2@uic.edu	Isaiah Irlbacker	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Nay (opposed)
3/25/2024 18:38:57	jghom2@uic.edu	Jesse Ghoman	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:57	gsatt2@uic.edu	Grace Satterfield	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:38:59	nthok2@uic.edu	Nathan Thokkudubiyapu	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Abstain
3/25/2024 18:38:59	ahuan5@uic.edu	Ashley Huang	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:00	nrodr37@uic.edu	Nataly Rodriguez	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:01	mklim7@uic.edu	Michael Klimek	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:02	mthum2@uic.edu	Manasvi Thumu	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:04	kdixit4@uic.edu	Kartikeya Dixit	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:05	nfons2@uic.edu	Nina Fonseca	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:06	sshuk6@uic.edu	Sajal Shukla	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:08	dkann@uic.edu	Dhanushri Devi Kannan	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:10	dsharm29@uic.edu	Diya Sharma	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:11	gsand8@uic.edu	Grace Sands	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:12	anaran20@uic.edu	Aryaman Narang	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:13	aomar20@uic.edu	Ahmad	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:13	jmadu2@uic.edu	Jacob Maduakolam	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:19	ksomik2@uic.edu	Khrystyna Somik	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:39:28	slnu26@uic.edu	Syeda Amena	Resolution 2024-S7-5006	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:46:16	aahme40@uic.edu	Aminah Ahmed	Resolution 2024-S7-1021	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:54:20	aahme40@uic.edu	Aminah Ahmed	Resolution 2024-S7-1022	Aye (in favor)
3/25/2024 18:57:59	aahme40@uic.edu	Aminah Ahmed	Resolution 2024-S7-5005	Aye (in favor)



# Resolution 2024-S8-5008

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## Canva Pro Funding

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### The Undergraduate Student Government

#### Legislative Body

**First Reading: March 25, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 1, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Graphic Designer Emma Casillas, Director of Public Affairs Zaina Alramahi

Co-Sponsors: President Matthew Almendras, Chief of Staff Quinn Basta, Treasures Matthew Caballes

WHEREAS, Canva is an online design and publishing tool which facilitates photo editing, video making and logo creation; and

WHEREAS, Canva Pro offers premium stock photos, premium templates, background removal tools, resizing features, 100GB of cloud storage and the availability to schedule social media content to 8 platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government will greatly benefit from the purchase of Canva Pro for the development of graphics and promotional material; and

WHEREAS, this will greatly support the work of our graphic designer by providing tools for graphic design; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UIC Undergraduate Student Government will allocate \$119.99 to cover the cost of Canva Pro's annual subscription for up to 5 individuals to use at the same time.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that future administrations will consider the renewal of this subscription.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-1024

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## MHC End-of-Year Giveaway

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### The Undergraduate Student Government Legislative Body

**First Reading: April, 1st, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8th, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Progri, Director Aparna Ramakrishnan, Representative Nathan Thokkudubiyapu, Representative Sajal Shukla, Representative Ashley Huang

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras

WHEREAS, the end of the academic year can bring heightened stress levels due to exams, projects, and other commitments, and

WHEREAS, stress management techniques such as using stress balls have been shown to be effective in reducing stress and promoting relaxation, and

WHEREAS, there are leftover stress balls from previous years' initiatives that can be utilized for this purpose, then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that an end-of-year giveaway event shall be organized to provide stress-relief materials to students.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the giveaway event shall take place on Wednesday, April 24th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in front of the SCE Bookstore.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this event will be promoted on the @uicusg.mhc Instagram.



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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-1025

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## USG x SAC Lobby Day Support

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### The Undergraduate Student Government Legislative Body

**First Reading: April 1, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Representative Maddy Lopez, Representative Grace Sands, Representative Aryaman Narang, Representative Alexis Mata, Representative Jeremy Rivera, and Director Aparna Ramakrishnan

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras and Treasurer Matthew Caballes

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) aims to promote legislative advocacy in support of students; and

WHEREAS, the USG seeks to provide students with the opportunity to share their experiences with legislators and other relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois System and Student Advocacy Coalition are hosting an IL Lobby Day on April 16th in Springfield; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UIC Undergraduate Student Government will support the IL Lobby Day on April 16th in Springfield.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, USG will support the advocacy efforts by providing funds for transportation to and from Springfield.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a total of \$3,300 shall be allocated for the transportation provided by Peoria Charter.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any unspent funds shall be returned to the budget.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USG will aid in any planning or support of Lobby Day alongside the Student Advocacy Coalition and the University of Illinois Office of Governmental Relations.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3020

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**MHC x SLCE “Make Mondays Matter” Collaboration**

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**The Undergraduate Student Government  
Legislative Body**

**First Reading: April, 1st, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8th, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Proгри, Director Aparna Ramakrishnan, Representative Nathan Thokkudubiyapu, Representative Sajal Shukla, Representative Ashley Huang

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras

WHEREAS, mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, and initiatives promoting positive affirmations can significantly contribute to enhancing mental health among students, and

WHEREAS, the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement (SLCE) office organizes a "Make Mondays Matter" series, which provides students with opportunities for service and community engagement on a monthly basis, and

WHEREAS, a collaboration between the Mental Health Commission and the SLCE office for the "Make Mondays Matter" series can amplify efforts to promote mental wellness among students and encourage them to participate in service activities that will benefit the UIC community, then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Commission will collaborate with the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Office for their "Make Mondays Matter" series.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this event will consist of two main activities: in the first hour, students will engage in the creation of positive affirmation cards/letters, and in the second hour, participants will distribute these affirmation to students in SCE, spreading messages of encouragement and support throughout the UIC community.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Commission supports the proposed service event scheduled for Monday, April 15 from 11am-1pm in the Commuter Center Multipurpose Room and a table in front of the SCE bookstore.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the SLCE office will provide all materials necessary for the event, including supplies for making positive affirmation cards/letters, and facilitating their distribution to students.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Commission commits to actively promoting and publicizing this collaborative event to ensure maximum participation and impact.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3021

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**MHC x SAAC Wellness Wednesday Social Media Campaign Collaboration**

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**The Undergraduate Student Government  
Legislative Body**

**First Reading: April, 1st, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8th, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Proгри, Director Aparna Ramakrishnan, Representative Nathan Thokkudubiyapu, Representative Sajal Shukla, Representative Ashley Huang

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras

WHEREAS, mental health is a vital aspect of student well-being, and initiatives promoting mental wellness are essential for fostering a supportive campus environment, and

WHEREAS, the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) organizes a Wellness Wednesday social media campaign, providing valuable resources and insights to students on various aspects of well-being, and

WHEREAS, SAAC has extended an invitation to the Mental Health Commission (MHC) committee members to participate in their upcoming Wellness Wednesday campaign to discuss performance anxiety and offer tips for overcoming common struggles faced by all students at UIC, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Commission and USG endorse this collaboration with SAAC and their Wellness Wednesday social media campaign.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that MHC committee members and any interested USG members will participate in the Wellness Wednesday campaign recording on Thursday, April 4th, and commit to providing valuable insights and practical tips during the recording session to benefit all students at UIC.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this recorded video will be posted on the @uic\_saac and @uicusg.mhc instagram on a Wednesday in the month of April.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3022

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**MHC x SAAC x CAAC x Campus Recreation Center “Exercise is Medicine” Fair**

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**The Undergraduate Student Government  
Legislative Body**

**First Reading: April, 1st, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8th, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Proгри, Director Aparna Ramakrishnan, Representative Nathan Thokkudubiyapu, Representative Sajal Shukla, Representative Ashley Huang

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras

WHEREAS, the Exercise is Medicine on Campus (EIM-OC) initiative aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration to promote physical activity as a vital sign, establish referral systems for individuals to meet recommended guidelines for physical activity, and educate students about the benefits of physical activity and nutrition, and

WHEREAS, the EIM-OC committee is divided into subgroups focusing on Physical Activity as a Vital Sign (PAVS), Student Education and Engagement, and Research and Assessment, and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Mental Health Center (MHC), Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Chancellor’s Athletic Advisory Committee (CAAC), and the Campus Recreation Center (Rec Center) presents an opportunity to organize an impactful event promoting the principles of Exercise is Medicine, then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that an "Exercise is Medicine Fair" be organized in Student Center East (SCE), featuring informational tables from each subgroup of the EIM-OC committee and each collaborator, offering small giveaways, and positioned strategically in front of the SCE Bookstore to maximize student engagement.



LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the event be scheduled for Wednesday, the 17th, for a two-hour time slot before 1pm (exact time TBD, in accordance with previously scheduled events).

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MHC will give away USG water bottles and fruit snacks, and any other relevant items USG already has in the office to students at the fair, which have already been purchased and are currently unused in the office.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that representatives from MHC, SAAC, CAAC, and the Rec Center coordinate efforts to plan and execute the "Exercise is Medicine Fair."

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3023

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## Treasury Reserve Fund Authorization: Individual Meeting Room Implementation

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### The Undergraduate Student Government Legislative Body

**First Reading: April 1, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Representative Michael Klimek, Representative Ahmad Omar, Representative Jesse Ghoman, Representative Meghna Dasgupta, Treasurer Matoy Caballes

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras, Chief of Staff Quin Basta

WHEREAS, in the 2022-2023 academic year, the Presidents of the USG, GSC, and HPSC, as well as the Student Trustee, have been informed that USG has access to reserve funds; and,

WHEREAS, the USG President and Treasurer established a task force (named the Reserve Fund Task Force), that met over the Spring 2023 semester and Summer 2023 break, to discuss how the reserve funds will be used; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Task Force created the Reserve Fund Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Plan provides the 2023-2024 USG Assembly the ability to invest 75k to improve the student experience and campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, the USG House of Representatives discussed and voted on the most favorable initiatives presented by each USG Committee; then,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government endorses the Treasury's Individual Meeting Room Implementation.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government allocates (\$25,000).

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3024

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## Campus Life Committee Reserve Fund Authorization: Sleeping Pods

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### The Undergraduate Student Government

#### Legislative Body

First Reading: April 1, 2024

Second Reading/Voting: April 8, 2024

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Chief Sponsor(s): Representative and Deputy Director of Campus Life Isaiah Irlbacker,  
Representative Diya Sharma

Co-Sponsor(s): Director of Campus Life Tejal Gupta, Representative Syeda Amena, Representative Ashley Huang, Representative Abdulmajid Yousuf, Speaker Michelle Zhou, President Matthew Almendras, Vice President Michael Fernandes, Chief of Staff Quinn Basta, Secretary Abigail Pettineo, Treasurer Matoy Caballes, Director of Public Affairs Zaina, Director of Student Success Haider "Asa" Asad, Director of Legislative Affairs Aparna Ramakrishnan, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Dilay Heybeli, Campus Safety Commissioner Veronica Dihn, Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Proгри, Graphic Designer Emma Casillas, Web Administrator Mauricio Suarez Otero

WHEREAS, in the 2022-2023 academic year, the Presidents of the USG, GSC, and HPSC, as well as the Student Trustee, have been informed that USG has access to reserve funds; and,

WHEREAS, the USG President and Treasurer established a task force (named the Reserve Fund Task Force), that met over the Spring 2023 semester and Summer 2023 break, to discuss how the reserve funds will be used; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Task Force created the Reserve Fund Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Plan provides the 2023-2024 USG Assembly the ability to invest \$75,000 to improve the student experience and campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, the USG House of Representatives discussed and voted on the most favorable initiatives presented by each USG Committee; then,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government endorses the Campus Life Committee's sleep pods, also known as nap pods, initiative for student respite on campus.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government allocates no more than \$27,924.40 of \$75,000 in the fund for four (4) pods that will be maintained indefinitely by Building Services of Facilities Management.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unspent funds shall be returned to the Reserve Fund.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-3025

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**Diversity and Inclusion Committee Reserve Fund Authorization:**

\_\_\_\_\_The Arcade Lounge\_\_\_\_\_

**The Undergraduate Student Government**

**Legislative Body**

**First Reading: April 1, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Director of Diversity and Inclusion Dilay Heybeli, Representative Sajal Shukla, Representative Jiya Patel, Representative Manasvi Thumu, Representative Saba Ali, Representative Jacob Maduakolam

Co-Sponsor(s): Speaker Michelle Zhou, President Matthew Almendras, Vice President Michael Fernandes, Chief of Staff Quinn Basta, Secretary Abigail Pettineo, Treasurer Matoy Caballes, Director of Public Affairs Zaina, Director of Campus Life Tejal Gupta, Director of Student Success Haider "Asa" Asad, Director of Legislative Affairs Aparna Ramakrishnan, Campus Safety Commissioner Veronica Dihn, Mental Health Commissioner Tereza Proгри, Graphic Designer Emma Casillas, Web Administrator Mauricio Suarez Otero

WHEREAS, in the 2022-2023 academic year, the Presidents of the USG, GSC, and HPSC, as well as the Student Trustee, have been informed that USG has access to reserve funds; and,

WHEREAS, the USG President and Treasurer established a task force (named the Reserve Fund Task Force), that met over the Spring 2023 semester and Summer 2023 break, to discuss how the reserve funds will be used; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Task Force created the Reserve Fund Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Reserve Fund Plan provides the 2023-2024 USG Assembly the ability to invest 75k to improve the student experience and campus environment; and,

WHEREAS, the USG House of Representatives discussed and voted on the most favorable initiatives presented by each USG Committee; then,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government endorses the Diversity and Inclusion's The Arcade Lounge.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government allocates \$25,000.

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President,  
Matthew Almendras

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Speaker of the House,  
Michelle Zhou



# Resolution 2024-S9-5009

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## USG Plaque Purchase

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**The Undergraduate Student Government**

**Legislative Body**

**First Reading: April 1st, 2024**

**Second Reading/Voting: April 8th, 2024**

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Chief Sponsor(s): Speaker of the House Michelle Zhou, Treasurer Matthew Caballes

Co-Sponsor(s): President Matthew Almendras

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government traditionally orders a plaque with the names and titles of all USG members at the end of each academic year; and

WHEREAS, USG finds it important to commemorate and honor each USG body; then

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USG shall allocate up to \$120 for the purchase and shipment of a 9” x 12” plaque from [Edco Awards](#) for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plaque shall be kept in the USG Office alongside the rest of the USG Plaques.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unspent funds shall be returned to the USG Budget.

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President,  
Current President’s Name

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Speaker of the House,  
Current Speaker’s Name



Size: 7" x 9"  
SKU: RW4407X9

Quantity	1+	3+	10+	25+	50+	75+
Price	\$57.82	\$51.40	\$44.33	\$42.76	\$40.73	\$36.37

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Size: 8" x 10"  
SKU: RW4408X10

Quantity	1+	3+	10+	25+	50+	75+
Price	\$64.25	\$57.82	\$51.26	\$50.09	\$46.07	\$41.46

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President's Report  
Matthew Almendras  
Spring Meeting 9  
4/1/2024

**Office Hours: Please email me to schedule a meeting! Email: [malmen2@uic.edu](mailto:malmen2@uic.edu)**

- Updates:
  - MH Commissioner Progoni and I met with Wellness Center GA, Leah Lasher, to discuss student mental health and how the Wellness Center can be improved.
  - Campus Safety Concerns: Recently, a non-UIC affiliated person was sexually assaulted on campus. I will be working with CS Commissioner Dinh, UICPD, and others to address this issue. I am thinking to meet with the Alderman of our campus area.
  - I met with Dr. Guevarra to discuss the Statement Taskforce that I am on. We discussed about ensuring free speech is protected and that all stakeholder voices are heard.
  - Reserve Funds: introducing resolutions this Assembly Meeting. We should all be proud of these new investments coming to campus- we did this together!
  - Budget: We discussed in our last board meeting to close funding for this year as we have successfully spent all our funds!
  - End of the Year Report: This will include accomplishments and work from the past two years of Vice President Fernandes, Student Trustee Haq, and I's 2-year term. We will now be wrapping up our year by closing out initiatives and look forward to the next one!
- Meetings & Events:
  - VC of Student Affairs & CSI: Wednesday?



## **Almendras-Fernandes Administration Accomplishments (Draft)**

2022-2023

- Established the Meal Swipe Donation Program
- Negotiated the UIC Library to expand library hours to 24/7 starting in the Fall 2023 semester
- Negotiated the UIC Library study rooms to be permanently open
- Expanded Night Ride hours to start at 10 PM from 11 PM
- Negotiated UIC Dining Services to establish a program that provides 640 dining hall meals to food-insecure students annually
- Secured \$60,000 from UIC for an annual program that provides \$300 catering credit for student organizations to use on events
- Added one more day to Fall Break starting in the Fall 2024 semester
- Advocated for more Halal options in the Dining Halls and SCE space
- Gained a commitment from the UIC Faculty Union to support efforts that ensure student grades are not negatively impacted by the faculty contract negotiations
- Created a program that provides chargers to students through SCE building management
- Expedited the time Campus Housing student workers are hired from 2 mo to 2 weeks

2023-2024

- Advocated for a \$15 student fee reduction while also ensuring student engagement departments received their budget needs
- Re-secured \$20,000 for the Faculty OER Incentive Program
- Established a Career Services Student Advisory Board for students to voice their concerns regarding professional development support at UIC
- Successfully advocated for library safety protocols
- Worked with UIC administration to send out campus-wide reminders for professors to be knowledgeable and accommodating about student religious holidays
- Coordinated Suhoor meals for students during Ramadan
- Successfully advocated for the dining hall to extend their hours to 9pm to better accommodate students during Ramadan and athletes
- Made progress to expand CampusCare to students on medical leaves of absences



Vice President Report

Michael Fernandes

Spring Meeting 9

Date 4/1/2024

- Began writing important information for Vice President transition documents
  - Will include contacts and ongoing initiatives
  - Rest of the board is working on transition documents as well
- Communicating with outside inquiry about AI tool to help student governments with their initiatives
- President Matthew and I are scheduling a meeting with CSI and Student Affairs administration to discuss how we can support student organizations better
  - Focus groups of student leaders on campus will help guide our conversations together
  - Feel free to reach out with any important notes that you think should be touched upon during this meeting
    - Individual typed story submissions would also be helpful to convey specific examples of lack of support
- New campus dining partner should be decided upon and finalized around mid-May by BOT
  - Will give briefing to incoming administration when this decision has been officially made by BOT



Treasurer's Report  
 Matthew Caballes  
 Spring Meeting 8  
 4/1/2024

- Continued on the planning of Food Truck Day
  - Met with Carlos to discuss how the event should be ran
  - Received finalized quotes and quantities from all vendors
  - Confirmed with DOS and other appropriate parties that the event will take place on the street behind Stevenson Hall
  - Sign up to volunteer!
- Went to the Rec with Director Dilay to discuss the Arcade Room Idea
  - Plan to order a pool table, shuffleboard, foosball, electronic arcade machine, and possible television screen
- Moving forward with the planning of the individual meeting rooms and sleeping pods
  - Will set up a meeting with President Matthew and the appropriate parties asap
- Discussing with Director Aparna on ordering the lobby day busses
  - Will discuss the bus rental with DOS this week
- Bi-weekly budget update:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Total Budget	\$133,379									
2											
3	Budget Breakdown:	Total:	ALLOCATED:	SPENT:	REMAINDER:	DESCRIPTION:					
4	General Fee	\$3,557.00	\$0.00	\$3,557.00	\$0.00	Mandatory DOS FEE					
5	Project Fund	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$559.99	\$11,440.01	Fund for any projects proposed by Executive Board members and Representatives					
6	Events Fund	\$23,500.00	\$18,600.00	\$21,460.72	\$2,039.28	Fund for any events proposed by Executive Board members and Representatives					
7	Discretionary Fund	\$25,142.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,859.66	\$13,282.34	Fund for other expenses we may incur, including but not limited to: Catering, Room Reservations, Office Supplies, etc.					
8	Merchandise	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,329.61	\$170.39						
9	MHC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,614.91	\$385.09						
10	CSC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$454.00	\$1,546.00						
11	Gala	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00						
12	Total Stipends										
13	DOS Student Worker	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00						
14	President	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00						
15	Vice-President	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00						
16	Treasurer	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00						
17	Chief of Staff	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00						
18	Speaker	\$3,080.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,540.00						
19	Directors (5) \$2,420 each	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	\$6,050.00	\$6,050.00						
20	Secretary	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00						
21	Graphic Designer	\$1,430.00	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$715.00						
22	Web Administrator	\$1,430.00	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$715.00						
23	MHC Commissioner	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00						
24	CSC Commissioner	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00						
25											
26	Total Allocated	\$37,600.00					Spent thus far				\$70,675.89
27	Total Spent	\$70,675.89					Unspendable remainder (Allocations)				\$56,440.00
28							Spendable remainder				\$6,263

- Today's Catering includes:



- Creamy Chicken Alfredo HALAL
- Zesty Beef Bolognese
- Pomodoro (vegetarian)
- Cheese Sticks
- Caesar Salad
- Assorted Cookies & Brownies



Speaker of the House Report

Michelle Zhou

Spring Meeting 9

4/1/24

- Happy last GBM! (April Fools)
  - 2 more GBM's left! Start wrapping up your events and initiatives
- Deputy Chair Task Force meeting
  - Discussed initiatives progress as we wrap up the semester, Rep Points System, campus safety concerns
  - Meetings held weekly on Thursday from 10-11 am
- Representative 1-on-1's
  - Thank you to everyone who met with me! It was great having conversations with you all and hearing your thoughts
    - If you missed meeting with me, you will have an unexcused absence on your attendance record; if this puts you in danger of being removed from the body, please reach out to me to set up a meeting
- Representative Points System
  - Top 3 individuals with the most points accumulated throughout the semester will be recognized at the USG Gala for their engagement!
  - Rep with most points will have the opportunity to give a speech at the USG Gala
    - Detailed guidelines to follow, expect to speak about your experience within USG
- USG Plaque
  - **Triple check the spelling of your name on the document attached to the plaque funding resolution**
    - Please reach out to me and let me know if you would like to be referred to by a different name on the plaque
- USG Spring Social—Monday, 4/22 from 6-8pm (usual GBM time)
  - Decided not to use USG funds, casual celebration
  - Ideas—picnic? Potluck? Outdoors?
    - Reach out to me if you would like to help coordinate this!





## **Internal Elections – Treasurer and Speaker**

Second to last GBM (**NEXT GBM**) will be our internal elections for the positions of Treasurer and Speaker!

### Process:

Nomination: Individuals must be nominated to be considered

- Anyone can run!
- Any USG member can nominate someone—you can even nominate yourself!
- Nominees must accept or decline the nomination

### Speech

- Those who accept the nomination must give a short speech (no longer than 2 minutes) on why they should be elected for the position

### Discussion

- Once speeches are done, nominated members will exit the room while everyone else participates in a discussion

### Voting

- There will be an anonymous vote; once votes are counted, the nominated members may return to the room and results will be announced

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this!



Chief of Staff Report

Quinn Basta

Spring Meeting 9

4/1/2024

- Happy GBM 9!
- Last week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
  - CLC Director Tejal, Treasurer Matthew Caballes, LAC Director Aparna
- This week's Chief of Staff Check-ins:
  - PAC Director Zaina, SSC Director Asa, and DIC Director Dilay
- Met with staff from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Innovation regarding the entrepreneurial support program
  - Discussed ways for USG to assist in promoting resources to students and increase student engagement within the program
- Reached out to CSI staff regarding student organization registration
  - Registration for the 2024-2025 academic year begins today
- Met with Deputy COS Alexis to discuss initiative ideas and the remainder of the semester
  - Reaching out to the UIC Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to set up a meeting
  - Coordinating a meeting with Director Asa and Representative Nathan to discuss establishing internship programs for different student populations
- Finalized the framework for committee transition documents
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out: [qbast2@uic.edu](mailto:qbast2@uic.edu)



Director of Diversity and Inclusion's Report

Dilay Heybeli

Spring Meeting 9

April 1, 2024

- Had a meeting at REC for Arcade Reserve Funds Project with Director Thompson, Coordinator Booker, Associate Director Adkisson, and Treasurer Matoy;
  - Organizing/brainstorming REC Arcade Center's social area
  - Planning machines and their places
  - Talking details of the electricity/wifi
  - Analyzing possible issues and solutions
- Working on international student issues;
  - Arranged meeting with OIS
  - Arranged meeting with UIC Global
  - Analyzing international student issues
  - Taking international students opinion
- Diversity and Inclusion's Committee meeting on March 29th, 4-5PM
- Cultural Fair preparation
  - Working with Secretary Abbey about Cultural Fair reserved tables
  - Working with Treasurer Matoy about ordering
  - Working on ingredients and food informations/details about Cultural Fair food menu with Representative Jiya
  - Working on halal options with Representative Saba
  - Working on ticket system with Representative Manasvi
  - Working on the restaurants with Deputy Chair Sajal
  - Working on accessories orders with Representative Jacob
  - Will invite Cultural Organizations
  - Will invite Cultural Centers



Director of Legislative Affairs Report

Aparna Ramakrishnan

Spring Meeting 9

04/01/2024

- Happy Monday!
- LAC Meetings: 5PM-6PM on Mondays
  - Written Testimony for Legislation
  - Lobby Day in 2 weeks!
- Meetings + Events
  - Planning a Follow-Up Meeting with Representative Ford
  - Written testimonies for relevant legislation
    - SB2606 Update: Favored in committee! Going to the Senate floor!
  - Planning a meeting with the Office of Governmental Relations on Bills
    - If you are interested please let me know!
- New Initiatives and Updates
  - General USG Survey: Looking to roll-out next semester and pass a resolution next week
    - If you have anything in particular you would like to see on this please let me know!
  - Lobby Day (Tuesday, April 16th): **SIGN UP AT [THIS LINK](#) ASAP**
- If you have any questions please reach out to me at [arama8@uic.edu](mailto:arama8@uic.edu)



Director of Public Affairs Report

Zaina Alramahi

Spring Meeting 9

4/1/2024

- Worked with Treasurer Matoy to finalize stoles order for USG graduates
- Meeting with Web administrator Maurico. Discussed:
  - Website Introduction video of President Matthew
  - Feature office hours on the website along with google calendar.
  - Updating Slideshow pictures featured on the website
- Attended e-board meeting
  - Starting end of year PAC report soon.
- PAC meeting today. Discussed end of semester plans: newsletter, tiktok, and future outreach for USG.
- Upcoming meeting this week with Deputy Dhanushri to discuss member spotlight, newsletter, and upcoming tabling.

With any questions or concerns please email me at [zalram2@uic.edu](mailto:zalram2@uic.edu)



Director of Student Success Report

Haider “Asa” Asad

Spring Meeting 9

4/1/24

- Happy Week 12!
- Meeting with the Director of Central Tutoring, Carlotta Johnson, is set for this Wednesday, March 27th at 12PM.
  - Will be helping facilitate meetings between all tutoring center directors to learn about their goals in the next few years.
  - Will be conducting discussions about implementing a campus-wide tutor certification process.
- In coordination with COS Basta, emailed Professor Hogan to learn more about entrepreneurial partnerships UIC has and how we could capitalize on that.
  - Learned about how UIC Innovation is helping students expand their entrepreneurial knowledge.
  - Will be sharing details of the UIC Innovation Blaze Venture Challenge in the near future- everyone should come and check out the finalists! Free food, hear student ideas, and vote on what you think is a legitimate business idea. Take part in creating a support network for fellow UIC entrepreneurs!
  - Hope to connect them with more channels of communication and host resources alongside them to cater to student interests.
- The Student Success Committee meets Mondays from 5-6PM in the CSI Lounge.
- Please remember to attend the Mental Health Week hosted by the Mental Health Commissioner! There’s many great events and people coming to speak. We'd love to see a huge turnout from USG!
- Working on transition docs for the next Director of Student Success.
  - 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.
- I yield time for the Report of the Mental Health Commissioner.



- If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at [hasad3@uic.edu](mailto:hasad3@uic.edu) at any time.



## Mental Health Commissioner Report

Tereza Proгри

Spring Meeting 9

04/01/2024

- ❖ Happy last GBM!
  - Jk, April Fools!
- ❖ Past Meetings
  - Graduate Assistant from the Wellness Center
    - Discussed the overall challenges faced by the student body to improve Wellness Center programming.
  - Graduate Assistant from the SLCE
    - Discussed the “Make Mondays Matter” collaboration.
  - Attended the Social Advocacy Fair
    - Great work, Director Aparna!
- ❖ Future Meetings
  - Carol Peterson, Director of the Wellness Center // Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Raphael Florestal-Kevelier, Assistant VC of Student Health and Well-being // Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Meeting with SAAC/CAAC/Rec Center // TBD
- ❖ Initiatives
  - Mental Health Week (April 8<sup>th</sup>-April 12<sup>th</sup>)
    - Tabling
      - Monday, April 8 @ 10am-12pm // In front of the SCE Bookstore
    - Town Hall
      - Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00-4:30pm // Fort Dearborn Room B
        - ◆ Representative Howard, NAMI Representative, Dr. Taliaferro
        - ◆ Video Update from Natalia, Director of PHI, and Raphael!
    - Guided Painting!
      - Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00-5:00pm // SCE 713
  - Collaborations with the Student Athletic Advisory Council
    - Wellness Wednesday Social Media program





## Mental Health Commissioner Report

Tereza Proгри

Spring Meeting 9

04/01/2024

- Keep an eye out for it in April
- Chalking Initiative Update
- Artwork in library
  - Working with the Dean
  - Looking towards finishing this up in the Fall
- Peer support program
  - Working on setting a meeting to bring back the crisis counseling techniques class.
- Stress Ball Giveaway right before Finals Week!



Director of Campus Life

Tejal Gupta

Spring Meeting 9

04/01/2024

Hi everyone! Welcome to Week 12.

➤ **Check-In with Chief of Staff Quinn Basta:**

- Discussed current campus life initiatives.
- Addressed the RSO initiative.
- Discussed the Sleeping Pods resolution.

➤ **Collaboration with Representative Ashley:**

- Worked on dining-related issues concerning food and services.
- Objective: Enhance overall dining experience for students.
- Focus areas:
  - Diverse dietary restriction labeling.
  - Improved vegetarian protein options.
  - Gathering feedback on provided food.

**Objectives Compilation:**

- Aim to compile a comprehensive list of objective suggestions.
- Backed by data from students.
- Purpose: Present suggestions to Charles Farrell, Head of Dining Services/SCE.
- Objective: Convey importance of improvements to new vendors for Fall 2024.

➤ **Meeting with Treasurer Matthew Caballes:**

- Discussed increasing outdoor seating chairs across campus.
- Further discussions planned in upcoming weeks.

➤ **Campus Life Committee Meeting:**

- Discussed RSO initiative.
- Objective: Bring RSOs together to address issues and ideas for improvement.
- Collaboration with Undergraduate Student Government.

**Contact Information:**

- For questions or concerns about campus life, reach out via email: [tgupta25@uic.edu](mailto:tgupta25@uic.edu).