



I. Call to Order

- 6:02 pm

II. Roll Call

- COS Tereza Progri (excused)
- Representative Sara Rothenbaum (excused)
- Representative Jason Whitehair (excused)
- Representative Aaliyah Cruz (excused)
- Representative Mohammad Sawas (excused)
- Representative Matoy Caballes (unexcused)

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Motion to change the name Gene to Jean
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted
- Motion to remove Representative Chahine excused absence because she was present
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted
- Approved

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to add Bill 2024-F9-1013 to the agenda
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted
- Motion to add Bill 2024-F9-5009 to the agenda
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted
- Change Bill 2024-F8-5008 to Bill 2024-F9-5008
 - Strike the agenda
- Approved

V. Public Comment

- None

VI. New Business

a. Bill 2024-F9-1010

- Bill will be voted on November, 18th

b. Bill 2024-F9-1011

- Representative Almendras- Are the cookies catered or pre-packaged?
Chairperson Nair- Catered
- Bill will be voted on November, 18th



c. Bill 2024-F9-1012

- Representative Devi Kaman- Is it where you gonna host it? Like library?
Chairperson Thokkudubiyapu- Depends on what library's leadership want to do, we are having discussions on that. We also want to have outside catering and that is why we want to approve it by today. Hence the Bill is kinda generic, so that we get the paperwork done sooner than later.
- Advisor Mata- What's the difference between offering off-campus catering compared to catering from here?
Treasurer Klimek- When we use off-campus catering, we have to make sure we have the proper ServSafe food certifications. When we go through UIC catering, obviously UIC is at UIC—they have all the certifications, it's all well-communicated. When we use outside catering, we have to make sure the paperwork is completed and that they're an approved vendor.
Also, when distributing, we have to be food safety certified, so that's a whole other process of getting us certified and everything as well. In this case, we're planning to hopefully use something like Jimmy John's, where we can get them individually wrapped, so we won't have to worry about distribution kind of certifications of food safety. It should be a little bit easier to use them because we've used them before—or other orgs have used them before—so the paperwork should be more straightforward. That's another reason why we have to do it so early, just to make sure we're able to get all that paperwork completed on time.
- Motion to executive order this Bill to vote on it tonight
- Motion to change second reading November 18th to November 11th
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted
- Approved

d. Bill 2024-F9-5008

- Advisor Mata- What are the analytical numbers in terms of the past use of LinkedIn, and what is the game plan for how we'll be leading LinkedIn within USG?
Chairperson Huang - Previously, there was no significant LinkedIn presence, and the old LinkedIn account is not accessible. The goal of creating a new LinkedIn page is to provide a platform for alumni to connect with USG after they graduate, as well as to build connections with professional companies and organizations. The LinkedIn page will be used to share events like Career Development activities, which can attract companies to attend. USG plans to enhance visibility by following the UIC alumni page and the official UIC page, and connecting with others in the network.
Vice president Heybeli - In addition to alumni, the administration is a key part of the strategy. The administration also uses LinkedIn, sharing updates about collaborations.



Having an active LinkedIn profile will help USG showcase its work and strengthen connections with both alumni and professional organizations.

- Bill will be voted on November, 18th

e. Bill 2024-F9-1013

- Representative Maduokalom- Is only the Arab Student Association involved in this?
Chairperson Abdul Sami- Actually, it's an event that DIC is hosting, but the American Culture Center will be collaborating with us. They'll be giving out tea from different parts of the world, as well as hard from different parts of the world. So it's not solely dedicated to the American Culture Center for tea, but they are collaborating with us on that. Tomorrow, I'll be talking with them to finalize the time, so I'll get that information to you guys.
- Bill will be voted on November, 18th

f. Bill 2024-F9-5009

- Advisor Mata - Because you all are cutting it close in terms of having it next week. Have you already had conversations with the Wellness Center and the Dean of Students about this?
Student Trustee Basta - Carlos, I met with Dean Wright earlier today to talk about this awareness week and to talk about the grant program at large. We were waiting to talk to the Wellness Center before to hear back from Dean Wright to make sure that everything is in line, but that's the next phase.
- Motion to executive order this Bill to vote on it tonight
 - Comment--> Student Trustee Basta - Participation in that Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, it's something that we have to do to be eligible for the grant. As I said, I was talking to Dean Wright earlier today, and they do have a planned program for the week. I figured, you know, we can absolutely hop on board with what they have. It's probably just universal resources to share, but, you know, I'll keep you guys posted on that, particularly next week, because that is the week. But we'll be doing this in collaboration with the Dean of Students.
 - Speaker Thumu- Have you guys reached out to CSI? Because I feel like they have kind of the major in terms of publicity for a lot of campus-wide events. Are you guys kind of looking to work with them or maybe reach out to them for this?
Student Trustee Basta - Yeah, it might not be a bad idea for the information campaign. Since there's such a short timeline, it's hard to throw together a large-scale event for promotion, and I'd say tabling is probably going to be the most effective way to promote these resources.
- Motion to change second reading November 18th to November 11th
 - Motioned, seconded, accepted



- Approved

VII. Ex Officio Reports

a. Report of the Advisor

- Updates from the Dean of Students: Today is the first day for our new Associate Director of Student Assistance, so our office is nearly at full capacity. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered and assisted with the Homecoming Tailgate. Please give yourselves a round of applause! I saw a lot of engagement, and the food truck proprietor mentioned that she had a fun time as well.
- This next part is mostly for the House of Representatives:
 - I noticed that not many questions were asked during the discussion of bills and other matters. The most concerning instance was when you all passed a bill for the USG Gala, totaling \$16,000, and not a single question was asked. No questions about where it would be held, its purpose, or just general inquiries about how your funds are being spent. I kept track, and excluding the questions I asked, there were fewer than five questions in total.
 - I understand that some of you may be eager to leave for other commitments, but please remember that you represent the students of UIC, and it's important to ask questions to ensure transparency in how our money is spent. Even simple clarifying questions show that you are paying attention to the legislation being passed.
 - Additionally, I've noticed that people start packing up before the meeting adjourns. Please stop doing this; it comes off as rude.
- Lastly, if you have any ideas for events or other initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I encourage you to engage with me on these matters; I've met multiple times with the executive board to ask them questions about their events, and they've had answers ready. I am here as a resource to help ensure the growth of this organization, and I want to represent you all well when discussing matters with students and others. So, please feel free to communicate with me.
- Representative Koleva - How can we reach out to you with any questions?
- Advisor Mata - If there are any questions, please reach out to me after the meeting or send me an email.
- Filed

b. Report of the Student Trustee

- Representative Diallo - Could you provide more information about the Bull Market Café and the market in JST?



Student Trustee Basta - Both were closed due to COVID. The Bull Market Café is located in Douglas Hall, which is the business college. It's not currently functioning as a café, but it used to be a popular spot before COVID. We're considering reopening it, though the logistics are challenging since we just opened the library café, and the location might not make sense for a café. As for the market in JST, there's an unused space on the first floor, which isn't well known. We're looking at possibly turning it into a market or vending machine area to keep students in JST overnight, as safety is a concern in the area. The goal is to incentivize students to stay in the dorms.

- Representative Shafi - Are there any timelines or plans of action for these projects?

Student Trustee Basta - Some of these projects, like the digital ID swipe system, are long-term initiatives and won't be implemented immediately. Improving campus lighting is something we can do quickly. For example, there's a campus lighting survey on November 18th where students can walk around with UIC-PD and Campus Student Patrol to evaluate lighting. Areas like the space behind SES near the statue have been identified as poorly lit, and we want to address these issues quickly.

- Representative Koleva - Will there be a maximum or minimum budget for food within USG specifically?

Treasurer Klimek - There is no fixed minimum or maximum for food in USG's budget, as we divide the budget into event, discretionary, and project portions.

Student Trustee Basta - We look at the total cost and divide it based on the number of people and the nature of the event. Typically, we try to keep the food allocation to about \$25 per person, but this can change depending on the event.

- Representative Almendras - How are organizations informed about how much funding they have per semester for catering?

Speaker Thumu - Last year, a document was sent out to student organization presidents and treasurers about their allocated funds. This year, the process is still in place but hasn't been formally promoted yet. The allocation amount is still \$300 per semester. To request catering funds, organizations must fill out a form on the UIC catering website, get approval from CSI, and submit requests at least 10 days before the event.

- Representative Almendras - So, the process for requesting funding is to fill out the CSI catering form and get approval?

Speaker Thumu - Yes, that's correct. After submitting the form, you'll get an email approval if the request is accepted. The process involves submitting a request through CSI, using the catering form from the website. The key thing is to submit your request at least 10 days in advance.

Treasurer Klimek - If you are curious how we handle catering at USG, stay after the meeting I can show if anyone wants to know how its done.

Chairperson Thokkudubiyvapu - For Student Orgs, CSI sends President, Treasurer and the VP, something called a CFO- a bank account for student organization, catering orders are



managed through that CFO Account, which holds the funds for catering. CSI has more detailed information about it if you want to know more.

- Filed

VIII. Officer Reports

a. Report of the President

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b. Report of the Vice-President

- Treasurer Klimek- Which organization won the Engagement Award?
Vice president Heybeli - The winner organization, as decided by the voters, is Sigma Gamma Rho Omicron Beta Chapter.
- Representative Almendras - For the Connecting Student Lear event, how many members would you prefer to be there per organization?
Vice president Heybeli - Each organization can send two members, preferably from the executive board. It's encouraged for the president or vice president to attend, but any member from the executive board is acceptable. Each organization can submit the form once.
- Filed

→ Motion to take a five minutes recess
◆ Motioned, seconded, accepted

c. Report of the Treasurer

- Representative Fabamigbe- Is the opportunity open to international students?
Treasurer Klimek- I believe so!
- Filed

d. Report of the Speaker

- Treasurer Klimek- Is there a price limit?
Speaker Thumu- Yes, its on the form but you can go over or under!
- Type of dress code was voted on and formal was the majority.
- Representative Koleva - Is there anything I can help with planning USG social?
Speaker Thumu- We have little things to plan, if you have any ideas, you can join me and Sajal this Thursday 4pm. We also meet over zoom on Saturday, and feel free to email me with any ideas.
- Filed

e. Report of the Chief of Staff



- Filed

f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

- Filed

g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair

- Filed

h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair

- Filed

i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair

- What was the reasoning behind creating a joint Bachelor's and Master's degree, especially in Psychology?

Chairperson Thokkudubiyvapu- The reasoning stems from the current mental health crisis, particularly at the university level. The idea was to advocate for a joint Bachelor's and Master's in Psychology to help increase the number of clinical psychologists. This would provide more resources for students facing mental health challenges. The goal was to replicate successful programs at other universities and advocate for one at UIC, contributing to a larger nationwide need for more clinical psychologists.

- Representative Koleva - How did this process begin? How did you identify the need or gap?

Chairperson Thokkudubiyvapu- It started when I sat down with Matthew and the ASA to discuss the idea of a joint program. We began writing a proposal, which was later refined with the mental health commissioner. After researching the feasibility and looking at other institutions with similar programs, we drafted a proposal and approached Dr. Wman, although she didn't respond. Eventually, the Department of Psychology will take over, but we've done our part to push this forward.

- Would this program fall under the GPPA program or a different group?

Chairperson Thokkudubiyvapu- This program is distinct from GPPA, which is part of the Honors College. While there could be some connection, the joint Bachelor's-Master's program is more specific to the psychology department and the clinical psychologist track. There are different routes, such as applying for a Master's in your third or fourth year or through a separate GPPA-like program. The Department of Psychology will determine the exact path.

- Filed

j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair

- Filed



IX. Announcements

- Strength Finder Workshop:
 - Date/Time: Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Location: Near the USC office.
 - Details: This workshop, hosted by SLCE, helps you learn about your leadership style through a Strength Finder survey. It's a valuable addition to your resume and a great way to understand yourself better. No RSVP is needed, but you'll get more details in the group chat.
- UIC Men's Basketball Game:
 - Date/Time: Tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
 - Details: UIC plays Northwestern at Northwestern. If you want to win an iPad, just show up at the game and participate in the raffle (the chances are high since not many people attend).
- UIC USG Campus Safety Commissioner Applications:
 - Details: Applications open after the GBM and are open to all students (not the e-board). The position offers a stipend of around \$1200 and is for the second semester. Applications close on November 23rd. For more details, visit the link in the social media post or link tree.
 - Answer to Representative Chahine- The representatives are not supposed to receive a stipend, so if you do get the role you will forfeit the role of representative and lose your voting powers but still can be a part of your committee
- Film Society Event:
 - Date/Time: Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
 - Location: Lecture Center F6.
 - Details: The Film Society is hosting its last event of the semester with a screening of *The Boy and the Heron*, a new Studio Ghibli film. They'll be serving pizza, and the Chinese Club is also contributing snacks. Everyone is welcome to join for dinner and a movie.

X. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, accepted
 - Adjourned at 7:39 pm
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