

USG

Meeting Minutes 2 (S2)

1/30/2023

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- I. Call to Order
 - 6:02 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - Members not present at time of roll call
 - Chairperson (CP) Celestino (I)
 - Representative (Rep.) Ahmed (a)
 - Rep. Heybeli (I)
 - Rep. Rodriguez (a)
- III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - Correction by Student Trustee Haq: “This qualified for 6 of the 8 years” instead of just 6 years– as part of his comment in Items for Discussion under the faculty union strike.
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda
 - Pres. Almendras motions to add “Campus Safety Commission” to items for discussion→ motion passed
- V. Public Comment
 - No public comment
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - No guest speakers
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Resolution 2023-S1-5001
 - Read by Treas. Basta
 - No questions/comments/adjustments
 - Resolution PASSED– no nays or abstains
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Resolution 2023-S2-5002
 - Read by Representative Dasgupta
 - Questions/Discussion
 - SOH Zhou: a big topic of last semester was that we were not allowed to fund student orgs, need some clarification on why we’re allowed to fund this event
 - Treas. Basta: we were told that we cannot collaborate with student orgs on events unless it is strictly a USG event; UIC is a departmental org, not a student org.
 - Rep. Hanna: Does this mean that USG can only fund/collaborate with departmental orgs?
 - Response Treas: yes, so if we are collaborating with a department, that means that we can bring in more people this way from all different departments and orgs
 - Rep. Dinh: Just for clarification, what would masks look like for this event
 - Response Rep. Dasgupta: We are following what each building enforces; so for SCE. masks are optional
 - CP Thumu: What timeframe would this look like?
 - Response Rep. Dasgupta: Most likely after 6 PM, which is when classes
 - Followup question: Is there availability for the lounge you want this in?
 - Yes

IX. Items for Discussion

- Public Safety Commission (motioned through the approval of the agenda)
 - Speaker: Felix Giron
 - Meetings will be Friday 1:20-2:30 PM; everyone is welcome to come
 - Programs to come with CTA and Chicago Police Department.
 - Feel free to join the meetings, and more to come will be discussed in the upcoming weeks
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Pres. Almendras: encouraging everyone to join to help in the discussion to make the campus and community safer for students
 - Rep. Preobrazhenskaya: There are some clubs that want to move meetings outside of campus, is this a question that can be brought up in these meetings.
 - Rep. Giron: Yes, this is something we will definitely bring up, because even if something is off campus, safety is important regardless (e.g., students that have apartments off/near campus)

X. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Report of the Advisor
 - Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Engagement- Fred McCall!
 - Happy to work with us all and be engaged in all of our projects and initiatives
 - Report filed
- b. Report of the Student Trustee
 - Part of the report: fact sheet
 - Reason why UIC tuition is increasing next years: UIC only has two avenues for getting money– state funding and student tuition
 - Refer to Student Trustee’s report for full detail on comparisons of UIC v peer institutions
 - Questions/Discussion
 - CP Chadhuri: Is the dollar change on the dorms consistent with every building
 - Housing as a whole unit, but not necessarily to any specific building
 - CP Thumu: For undergrad tuition, it freezes when you enter the school, is this also the case for grad school
 - No, the process is different for grad students, tuition changes every year.
 - SOH Zhou: Will this info be available for students?
 - Will send this to those who want this, will also be putting this on my social media, too

XI. Officer Reports

- a. Report of the President
 - 34th Ward Alderman Candidate Forum– TBD as one of the candidates backed out
 - Recently joined the College Career Council to add in a student voice/perspective
 - MHC: looking into the mental health excused absences resolution. This is a combined effort with other universities!
 - Please refer to meeting packet for further details and full report
 - Joy Vergara sent me in an email about planning events for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American month, the first meeting is tomorrow in SCE Room 611 from 2-3:00 PM
 - Questions/Discussion
 - CP Chadhuri: Did they extend the add/drop deadline?
 - Will ask to get the full answer on this
 - Rep. Ansari: Talked to my advisor, and there is a petition thing you can submit by sometime in February if you need an extension to your add/drop courses.
 - CP Alvarez: Sunday January 22nd add/drop period passed

- Rep. Dinh: This semester I don't see any improvements on the study room; we asked about study room availability dates, and did not receive any word on this
 - Followup: International Student Resources: will this be publicly shared to international students on social media, or will this just be a meeting
 - This was just a topic we are talking about with the VC, but it will be an ongoing initiative for the semester
 - Rep. Giron: Is there a way to make it available to social media (USG page) about the Union being in support of students to talk to them when it comes to strike concerns.
 - Report filed
- b. Report of the Vice-President
 - For full report, please refer to meeting packet
 - Report filed
- c. Report of the Treasurer
 - Weekly treasury committee meetings on Wednesdays at 1 PM for those who want to join
 - For full report, please refer to meeting packet
 - Questions/Discussion
 - CP Chadhuri: Are you still handing out USG bags at these events?
 - Yes, will be submitting RFFs this week with brown paper bags with USG logo on this, will be great to have around for any and all upcoming events
 - Report filed
- d. Report of the Speaker
 - USG applications now available- please be prepared to know the prospective applicants before their speeches to get the full perspective of who they are!
 - First MHC meeting of the semester this Wednesday. 5-6 PM
 - Upcoming Events: USG Spring Orientation, Speaker 1-on-1 meetings, Representative Leadership Retreat
 - Report filed
- e. Report of the Chief of Staff
 - Eboard meeting this Friday at 5 PM
 - Worked on 100 day report to highlight USG initiatives to be shown at the State of the Student event
 - For full report, please refer to meeting packet
 - Report filed
- f. Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - New date for the Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall– February 13th, from 3-5 PM in SCE 302
 - On Increasing Contraceptive Access. SHAPE reached out to Representative Brina Zhang with ideas; We'll be looking into those ideas to see if we can work together.
 - Questions/Discussion
 - SOH Zhou– Reminder: Town halls are mandatory for all reps to attend; if you have an excused absence, this will count towards your regular USG attendance.
- g. Report of the Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
 - Reminder: Lobby Day is February 22, 2023. On this day, we will travel to Springfield, meet with our state legislators and representatives and explain why the U of I Systems should receive an increase in budget, which can benefit students and faculty to obtain better educational opportunities and an increase in fair wages.
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Rep. Slaughter: Contact Pres. Almendras if you registered, to see if you have secured your spot; you will still need to be trained on how to speak to the reps,

once there is a completed list of all the attendees, we can go ahead to figure out some day to do training

- Report filed
- h. Report of the Public Affairs Committee Chair
 - Held first PAC meeting last Monday; if anyone ever wants to stop by, they are from 5:00-5:30 biweekly on Mondays!
 - Currently working on the February Newsletter
 - Worked on the January Newsletter and sent it out today!
 - PAC committee worked on merch bundling today
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Treas. Basta: all the merch has been bundled with your name on it, make sure to stop by at the office to pick yours up!
- i. Report of the Student Success Committee Chair
 - Met with Dr. Kotche to discuss different initiatives we spoke about earlier and has agreed to make a Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Engineering
 - The College of Engineering will now have a Dean's List a
 - Will be meeting with Lauren Gallagher this upcoming Friday to discuss a future event
 - Report filed
- j. Report of the Campus Life Committee Chair
 - UIC Campus Housing Assistant Resident Director, Klarque Scott, reached out asking for
 - USG's help on making UIC Classroom seats more accessible for all types of body types.
 - UIC United Faculty Union gave an update on the Vice Chancellor's Wellbeing/Mental Health Committee.
 - Representative Sam Blin reached out regarding a "UIC Radio X USG Open Mic Night."
 - The Campus Life Committee will meet this Thursday in the USG office at 2pm.
 - Questions/Discussion
 - CP Thumu: Can reach out to DRC for classroom/seats accessibility
 - Report filed

XII. Announcements

- Secy. Thnaibat: Reach out to me if you're interested in joining the ad hoc committee for the gala

XIII. Adjournment

- 7:07 PM