I. Call to Order
   ● 6:02 PM

II. Roll Call
   ● Members not present at time of roll call
     ○ Chairperson (CP) Celestino (l)
     ○ Representative (Rep.) Ahmed (a)
     ○ Rep. Heybeli (l)
     ○ 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 Chadhauri: 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 Chadhauri: 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 Chadhauri: 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