

President Byron Sigcho welcomes the attendees.

Motion to start the meeting.

- Ken Thomas (Student Trustee) will give a quick update;
 1. Meeting with members of congress at Washington, DC about financial aids, graduate student loans, subsidize interest rates.
 2. Dream Act.
 3. Student Success Plan, governor talked about this.
 4. Student Legal Services Committee report; hiring a new attorney by the end of the month. Student can access the legal services free of charge.
 5. Tuition presentation; focus was on to keep the fees accordingly with inflation. State support - tuition balance; if state cuts some money tuitions are going up.
 6. Out of student rates for college of pharmacy; increase 20% originally, later it decreased to 3%. Out of state tuition rate is going up 18%; they are planning some financial aid to decrease the rate to 6%.
 7. No questions were asked.
- Sending Ken's e-mail address to reps.
- CampusCare; Roger Carlson (Director) will give a talk. -
<http://www.uic.edu/hsc/campuscare/benefits-summary.html>
 1. Healthcare reform; dependents up to age 19 were covered, if you are at school up to 26.
 2. Mental Health, 100\$ inpatient co-payment before, now 50\$ (check back again, I didn't understand well)
 3. Annual Preventative Diseases; outlined by government and there is no co-payment; they are free.
 4. Preventative Vision Exam; free vision exam every year at UIC Opthamology Center. Appointments can be taken via phone. Discounts on glasses.
 5. ER change; in the past out of UIC (out of network) was covered only in life threatening cases. If you go out of network ER in non life threatening situations you can pay up to 30% of the bill. There is no need go through the processes as before if you need to go to ER in out of network hospitals. 9 hospitals in Chicago can be visited with no co-payments.
 - A. Question: are these hospitals listed somewhere. Answer: They can be found online (or he read it now but I missed all of them).
 - B. Question: Are these just in ER cases. Answer: Yes.
 - C. Question: How about out of network hospitals in life threatening cases. Answer: You still pay the 30%. That 30% will be negotiated and may be discounted but it is not guaranteed.
 - D. Question: For non emergency visits, are there a list of hospitals? Answer: It is basically only UIC Hospital.
 6. Only 10% raise in 10 years.
 7. \$500,000 maximum coverage but there is nobody that have reached that limit in 5 years so far.

8. CampusCare is not an insurance company. In 2014 insurance companies will go limitless max coverage but CampusCare cannot go with that, premiums have to be increased if they go.

9. CampusCare doesn't have any plans to cover contraceptives.

A. Question: Difficulties in having appointments. Would there be any coverage for out of network visits if there is no appointments given in near future in UIC hospitals. Answer: If there is an urgent situation you will be given an appointment quickly. Head of Dept of Family Medicine can be e-mailed directly if there is a problem. Director can be e-mail directly too (rogcar@uic.edu).

B. Question: What is the max prescription coverage? Answer: \$2500, there a few percentage of students always reach the maximum but there is no reason to increase the premiums for all the students for this small percentage; these students reach the maximum no matter what the maximum is.

C. Question: Primary Care Physician visit; it was more than two weeks to get an appointment; then doctor referred to Dermatologist and appointment is given in 6 weeks. Total more than 2 months to learn the reason for your disease. Answer: Missed the initial answer. Send CampusCare an e-mail in these kind of situations. Raise the issues to Director Roger Carlson; he will do his best to solve any issues (rogcar@uic.edu).

- Counseling Center; Danielle Simmons

1. Through the student fees we pay for counseling center.

2. Psychologist, psychiatrist, free of charge.

3. Relationship issues, anxiety, depression, stress, etc. All confidential counseling.

4. Working hours can be found online. Some hours are walk-in some are by appointment. More info via phone or website.

5. Some students are reluctant to go to counseling center; just stop by in consultation hours; every Thursday 12-2 pm, at Commuter Student Resource Center.

6. Danielle Simmons (drdjs@uic.edu) can be directly contacted for more infor

A. Question: How long does it take to have an appointment. Answer: About 1.5 - 2 weeks. They offer only short term counseling. (couldn't understand all the details, listen later).

B. Question: What about emergency. Answer: Just walk-in for emergencies, you can take an appointment on that day for emergency too. You will not be sent away if you have an emergency.

C. Details of referral were talked but I missed the details. As far as I understood Counseling Center can refer to doctors with \$20 co-payment.

D. Question: Relationship counseling, can we go as a couple; if there is a fight, argument how can you solve this. Answer: We offer mediator services. Anger management services.

- Karren Colley (Dean) and Theresa Christenson from Graduate College

1. We just wanted to introduce ourselves and say hello.

2. If you have a problem you can come to us.

3. Mentoring programs.

4. Student outreach and social events; some of the events are in agenda. Coffee hour; 70 students showed up; you can meet with associate deans in coffee hours at University Hall.

5. Theresa: Career Development, Financial Issues, Social Events, CV/Abstract Writing Workshop. See agenda for events list.

A. Question: Do you do anything for prelims? Answer: Not right now but it is a good idea.

B. Question: Advisors don't let students go. Answer: Talk to Dean Colley directly, she will solve the issue.

6. If you want to go in these events act quickly because they get filled up very quickly.

7. Extended Q/A session with Dean Colley; GSC will be organizing it.

A. Question: If we cannot make it to one event do you do it again. Answer: Yes, you get wait-listed and can attend in the second one.

B. Question: Is there an event calendar that we can follow. Answer: Yes, in graduate college's website but it is a little hard to find. Just click around and you will find it :) (<http://grad.uic.edu/cms/?pid=1000989>). Feel free to send links to your colleagues.

8. Bowling Event sponsored by Grad College; Nov 30th.

- Anita Dave; Alternative Spring Break President

1. There are many alternative spring break events throughout the country.

2. Collaborated with BoA Chicago Marathon, Chicago Hot Chocolate Run, many fund raising, volunteering events. During the week of the spring break they send 100 people around the country for volunteering events.

3. More information at <http://www.asbuic.org>.

4. There are mainly undergraduate students involved; it would be great if some graduate students are involved too.

A. Question: Is there a timeline of events, would there be a problem in terms of policy if grad student is involved (check again for this part). Answer: As of now we haven't seen any graduate student apply for any of our event but nothing would happen.

- Damien Howard from Squad Regardless

1. Short for Squadrupled, 4 "S"s for Simple Strategies for Sustainable Success.

2. Young adults partnering for mentoring programs.

3. People can contribute with their skills if they don't have time to contribute for mentorship. They can contact Damien via e-mail (SQuadrupled@gmail.com).

A. Question: If you partner how much time you need to commit. Answer: One hour per week minimum. It depends on the risk, it goes up if there is a high risk for the kid.

B. Question: How the teams get registered. Answer: Referral based (missed many parts, listen later).

5. Website: www.SQuadrupled.com & www.gofundme.com/regardless

- Information Tech Governance Council update; Rajnish Garg is absent.

- IRB Issues and GSC logo updates by Juan Martinez; no updates. If you want to get involved contact Juan.

- UIC LAS Graduate Student Graduation; e-mail Joanna Thompson for more information and would like to get involved.

- Graduate Students Bill of Rights update by Blake Garcia; no update currently. Contact Blake if you would like to help in revising process.

- A. Question: Is that the same thing with GEO's stuff. Answer: No, this is completely different.

- Officers Reports:

- 1. President: SFAC meetings; raise the student fees \$16 each semester. Woman soccer team will start and the major reason for increase is this. We met with chancellor, Feb 26th, there will be a basketball game she will be hosting; an opportunity for grad students to talk to chancellor.

- 2. Vice Chancellor: Bowling event, Nov 30th; social media workshop, Dec 6th; clothes sorting next week,

- 3. Secretary; absent. Byron gave some updates but I missed them.

- 4. Treasurer: E-mails about avel awards have been sent, let Yash know if you haven't received the e-mail.

- A. Project award application form will be changed.

- B. DGS or the head department will be signing the applications

- C. Gradlistserv has to be used for advertisements.

- D. Reps for that department has to present the project.

