

# GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL **UIC** UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

**9/29/2009: Official GSC Meeting Minutes  
(5pm-7pm)**

**1) Dr. Henri Gillet, *Dean of the Graduate College***

<http://www.math.uic.edu/~henri/>

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Had a family emergency, will be rescheduled to the Oct. GSC Meeting.

**2) Mary Case, *University Librarian***

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- Students now have a library fee, so Mary wants to hold library staff accountable to students. About the fee: Students expressed that they don't have a home in the physical library, that they only use online resources. Mary wants to let us know that there are new spaces for quiet study. Would we use them? Do we use them? Why or why not?
- The Library has new stuff: new furniture, café, oasis, sofas, upgraded meeting rooms with whiteboards.
- Thousands of online resources, reference staff available by IM, text, email, in person, all here to support students.

*Zoe:* The Library of Health Sciences used to be dirty and dingy. Most 1<sup>st</sup> yr science students would use it if it had newer cleaner areas and was not overrun with medical students.

*Seth Meyer, Germanic Studies:* There's one large area in Daley library where the quiet area is not so quiet when everyone turning pages all at once. More study rooms?

*Julie Fountain, History:* earlier hours on the weekend if possible? Expanded hours?

*Mary:* hours currently 6:30am-11pm M-F, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-11pm

The new website is up:

<http://library.uic.edu/>

Will use this to post information on borrowing. Please let us know if there's info that should be included, and any other issues you think of. Want to establish a better relationship with students about library physical and electronic resources. If there's anything missing, open to suggestions.

*Member:* As far as accessing resources from outside the library, how do we access online resources? It seems like our department doesn't have access to that.

*Mary:* as long as you have NetID and pwd, you should be able to have access.

*Member:* As a 1<sup>st</sup> yr student, overwhelmed. Orientations would be useful.

**3) Sophia Magill, *Campus Programs, Coordinator Student Activities Funding Committee***

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- As a past GSC rep, good to be back! I'm not allowed to be a rep anymore because of job, but am still also a Masters student in Public Administration. I'm the Greek life advisor as well as SAFC advisor, but is representing all campus programs today
- Two locations, one on East, one on West. Information is on website:  
<http://www.uic.edu/depts/chcc/programs/Campus/Files/>
- Events: Movies, Taste of UIC, fashion show, UIC radio, lots more! All of these open to all students!
- Resources: Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC), Chicago Organization Fund (COF), mailbox/lockers for student orgs, "collegiate link" software (<http://uic.collegiatelink.net/Community?action=getMyHome>), catering awards, organization award ceremony
  - Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC): money from student fees (that we all pay) will fund events for individual students, departments, or student orgs (but GSC is excluded for admin reasons). They meet in SCE on Mondays at 3:30pm? Currently NO GRAD STUDENTS on the committee! Oversees about \$150K a year for student activities! Main requirement is that event needs to be open to all students. Proposal needs to be submitted 6 weeks in advance of the event. Informational workshop: SCE 603 Monday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm. Beginning of year is best time to get \$\$\$ before it runs out! Any one org can get max of 8% (\$7K!) of SAFC budget for any given day of an event. Can't be a fundraiser. Money can't be used for prizes or giveaways.
  - Chicago organization fund review board: up to \$400 per semester. Michael M. Crehan, Coordinator Student Organizations, handles this.
  - Collegiate link: all orgs register online for this. Can also do a search for orgs for each institution. Can also post flyers and publicity info on here:  
<http://uic.collegiatelink.net/Community?action=getMyHome>

#### **4) Shannon Marriot, Student Leadership and Development and Volunteer Services (SLDVS)**

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- Intro by Zoe: GSC is really trying to partner up w/ SLDVS
- SLDVS holds lots of leadership meetings and seminars throughout the year
- Volunteer/service: projects typically 3 hours long. You can sign up as individual, group, whatever. Also, if you are looking for specific types of service, SLDVS can help find one for you. Lots of volunteer opportunities, we'll match you up with whatever you're looking for!
- SLDVS is located in SCE right by GSC office.
- Zoe: Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, GSC clean up service project coming up. Also, if you participate in 3 service projects, get a nice new GSC t-shirt!

#### **5) Dr. Linda Deanna, Dean of Students (DoS)**

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- Advisor to GSC, this is 9<sup>th</sup> year
- The Dean of Students Office is like being sent to the principal's office in school, but this is for students who
  - Cause trouble - Judicial Affairs. Anyone can file a complaint against student or TA or GA, etc. Students can file too. Several hundred cases a year.
  - William Rodriguez ([willie@uic.edu](mailto:willie@uic.edu)): Ombudsman = "problem solver" in German. Any sort of problem you can go to Willy. Parking, professor, food, anything.
  - Student advocacy service: if you are a victim of crime, death in family, lost stuff in fire, etc. they coordinate services and assistance for students in need. Open to all students.
  - Student legal services. Attorney (Jim, will meet with students ID theft, landlord problems,

traffic problems, etc. Will represent you in court!) and paralegal (partially funded by our student fees) are available to students.

- The DoS advises student orgs: GSC, Health Professional Students Council, and the Undergraduate Student Govt.
- Will start a new office for Veterans. Will be full service for student veterans.

#### 6) Student Trustee: Dan Zavorotny

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- Represents UIC at U of I board of trustees meetings.
- UIC enrollment going up, so we now have more say on the board.
- If you have issues, bring to him to bypass.
- USG has a Town Hall meeting on MAP grant being taken away. Cigarette tax a possibility. Raising income tax for people who make over \$65000 a year.

#### 7) Deana Lewis, GSC Vice President – Presentation on the MAP (monetary award program) grant

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- MAP gives up to \$2400 per semester for low-income students.
- Funded by IL.
- About 6000 students at UIC get and depend on this grant. About 4000 students get full amount each year.
- Town hall” meeting where governor Quinn, Undergrad Students spoke, Quinn says they’ll fix the MAP problem by proposing 1) cigarette tax, 2) raising income tax for people who make \$65000 a year
- This affects grad students as it could translate to fewer TA, GA-ships.
- Oct 15, USG is going to Springfield to present petition and rally. Deana urges grad students to go show support too.

#### - Introduction to GSC –

Zoe: last year asked SFAC for \$7K more for travel awards. We can discuss in future meetings how we want to use this increase. Maybe raise award max to \$350?

Zoe: project awards. Any graduate student can apply for this award of \$500 to defray the costs of organizing an event that benefits the general graduate student community. Details can be found: [http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/gsc/projectAwards.html](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/gsc/projectAwards.html)

Bio-visualization rep: exhibit by bioviz dept going on at Museum of Surgery on Lakeshore Dr. There’s no more free entry days, but will run until Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### - GSC Committee reports. The GSC Committees leads are:

- Service – Anushka Anand ([aanand2@uic.edu](mailto:aanand2@uic.edu))  
Anushka is currently the default chair for the service committee but if anyone wants to step up and take that position that would be great! Upcoming events: UIC Heart Walk Oct 9 (some email had been sent out). Get a free GSC t-shirt for participating in 3 events in the year! Also, Oct. 24, GSC clean up service project.

- Social Events – Deana Lewis ([dlewis25@uic.edu](mailto:dlewis25@uic.edu))

Thirsty Third Thursdays: MATH wins a prize for showing up in force! Neuroscience came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will have ThThTh in Oct and Nov.

Dec 5 will be the end of semester event. Deana needs help on this committee for ideas. Let her

know what you want to do!

Zoe: Athletics events are FREE for all students! But if you come as a grad student, you'll get free food and free stuff! B-ball! Soccer!

For a list of GSC events, visit the website:

[http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/gsc/calendar.html](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/gsc/calendar.html)

- Academic Affairs – Harish Kanchi ([hkanch1@uic.edu](mailto:hkanch1@uic.edu))
  - GSC and GC are collaborating in putting together a Graduate Student Workshop series. The series kicks off with 2 workshops in the Fall, first on Fellowships on Oct. 20, 2009: [http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/gsc/documents/Fellowship-workshop.pdf](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/gsc/documents/Fellowship-workshop.pdf) and the second on Nov. 10, 2009 "The Dissertation Workshop" – with Allison Miller [http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/gsc/documents/Dissertation-workshop.pdf](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/gsc/documents/Dissertation-workshop.pdf)
  
- Diversity – Juan Martinez ([jmarti3@uic.edu](mailto:jmarti3@uic.edu))
  - from Dept of Sociology
  - This Committee's mission is: *The Graduate Student Council Committee on Diversity strives to help create and support a climate of inclusiveness and diversity among students, faculty, and administrators at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Committee sees diversity as an integral part of the overall educational experience and works on behalf of historically underrepresented and marginalized groups in higher education, as well as their allies, to promote a climate of inclusiveness. These groups include (but are not limited to) people with disabilities, LGBTQ, women, and racial, ethnic, and religious minorities. The committee works to create awareness about campus diversity, promote and organize activities the support a climate of diversity, and advise the university on diversity-related issues.*
  - Neat thing about this committee is that we can piggyback on other organization's events. For instance: critical mass, job fairs, etc.
  - Goal is about inclusiveness and understanding.
  - Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning (DSTP) advisory board. Create diversity in admin, depts, and students. Juan works with student part
  
- Sustainability – Zoe Hanson-Hoeppner ([chanso2@uic.edu](mailto:chanso2@uic.edu))

Zoe: There are lots of UIC committees that need grad students! GSC officers often sit on these, but need help! Senate, SFAC, SAFC, etc.

Member: Can you send us a list of all these with info so we can send to our constituents?

Zoe: Yes, and if you see that there's a committee that you are on or know of that I don't include, let us know.

Deana: Also, reps, if you're involved in other student organizations, let us know so we know what we all do. Great for networking!

Robert Farley, Philosophy: I thought all GSC does is give travel awards?

Zoe: We do give funding for presenting students, but we are not a funding organization. We do a lot more. Main function is to serve as advocate and community for grad students.

*Juan:* GSC is great opportunity to network. Great example was the dissertation workshop last year with Dr. Allison Miller. Her workshop may very well help much more than a travel award.

*Zoe:* If you come for food and travel award, that's fine, but we hope that you'd all become active participants in the grad student community.

*Member:* last year discussed that some depts don't have the same presenting opportunities as others so how to avail of travel awards.

*Zoe:* The criteria may need to be changed in the GSC constitution for this. Main obstacle is to find a way to prove that you contributed to a body of work.

Motion to discuss in November, motion seconded. This will be discussed in November.

GSC Executive Board:

President: *Crystal Zoe Hanson-Hoepfner, zoedapop@gmail.com*

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**Upcoming FALL 2009 Official GSC Meetings:**

**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 5-7pm**

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 5-7pm**