

1) Sign-in and Pictures: Thank you everyone for letting us take your picture! These will be posted on the GSC website to increase face recognition amongst GSC members. If you do not wish to have your picture posted, please email us.

Meeting start: 5:40pm

2) Elizabeth Dooley (edooley@uic.edu), Coordinator, UIC Senate
(<http://www.uic.edu/depts/senate/>)

The GSC is responsible for filling 9 open Senate seats. ***Names and e-mails and Colleges students interested in filling these senate seats are due to Irene Klein, iklein1@uic.edu, by Wednesday, September 17***, so that the UIC Senate is able to send the student Senators the materials for the first Senate meeting that will take place on Thursday, **September 25 at 3:15 p.m.** in Student Services Building Conference Rooms B&C (the same room as our GSC meeting). If a -----OpThe UIC Senate meets six times a year on the last Thursday of each month from 3:15 to 5pm. There are also open graduate student seats on the several Senate Standing Committees (listed below). The students who are interested in serving on these Committees do not have to be student Senators, except for the 2 seats on the Senate Executive Committee. The election to fill these open Committee seats will take place at the September 25 Senate meeting. Students interested in being slated for the Committee seats should fill out the petition available at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/senate/StudentPETITIONCOMMITTEE08-09.pdf> and forward it to the Senate Office **by Wednesday, September 17**.

UIC Senate Standing Committees:

- * Senate Executive Committee has 2 vacant graduate elected student Senator seats
- * Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee has 2 vacant graduate student seats
- * Senate Committee on Educational Policy has 1 vacant graduate student seat
- * Student Affairs Committee has 1 vacant graduate student seat

3) Officer Intros:

Irene (president) briefly went over the GSC constitution, parliamentary procedure (which we actually used!), and the Graduate Student Bill of Rights & Responsibilities (BOR). The BOR is currently being reviewed by the Graduate College and will be made available when it is finalized. Irene and Dean Deanna also spoke about GSC Project Grants: what they are, inclusions/exclusions, \$500 per award x 6 awards per semester. More information on Project Grants is available on the GSC website.

Ina (secretary) went over the GSC 101 info sheet, including attendance policy.

Davide (treasurer) went over Travel Awards which generated much discussion leading to the following changes:

- the email address from which notification will be posted on the GSC website so that students can put that address on their protected list.
- Travel Award notification emails will be CC'd to department GSC reps.
- There will be better notification regarding the summer fiscal freeze and how it affects Travel Award processing.

Zoe (vice president) introduces breakout session. Reports from each group

The Breakout Sessions identified 17 issues members of the GSC would like to work on or get information on this year, they are as follows:

1. Students want info on health insurance coverage/exactly what do they get for campuscare
2. Interest in having centralized list of available GA/RA positions.
3. Establishing TA training so students know how to teach.
4. Students described a lack of mentoring available.
5. Would like to see more interdisciplinary interaction between departments.
6. Lack of University communication/ new methods needed.
7. In regards to travel awards, a way to help those students who are unable to be the presenter due to nature of their work.
8. Resources which clarify the dissertation process.
9. Unavailability of summer classes for grad students.
10. Elimination of zero hour tuition.... info on this
11. Generating more student services geared toward grad students.
12. More info about tuition differential
13. full year U-PASS
14. Clarity regarding outcome for students whose PI loses funding
15. Graduate Orientation
16. Career Planning workshops/life seminars, etc
17. Holding DGS's more accountable for dept involvement in GSC.

Assembly of Committees, Sign-up sheets for each committee ...

We had ~ 30 students sign up for at least 1 of the 4 committees. We hope to set up subcommittee's in the coming days. We will be emailing more information about the subcommittees shortly.

Announcement:

Mark your calendar!

Join UIC Graduate and Undergraduate Student Councils and the League of Women Voters of Chicago for a Candidate's Fair.

Date: October 3rd, 2008

Time: 4 PM-8 PM

Location: the new UIC Forum at Roosevelt & Halsted.

9/9/09 GSC General Meeting #1

Come check out the new building and the candidates on the ballot for the upcoming election. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the candidates who are on the ballot for the upcoming elections. Also there will be a voter registration table, so anyone who needs to can register! Don't miss out on this awesome event. Lets make the voice of students strong by exercising our right to vote!

Meeting adjourned around 7:15pm