

## GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** February 12, 2019 **TIME:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Student Services Building Conference Room B and C  
(1200 W. Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60607)

1. Welcome & Dinner
2. Speakers for tonight:
  - Kennedy Hayes, Centre of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.
    - Their office, located in the SCE, focuses on leadership and civic engagement programming and opportunities
    - Their website ([uic.galaxydigital.com/user/login/](http://uic.galaxydigital.com/user/login/)) offers leadership and volunteering opportunities
    - Grad students are allowed to go for a retreat focused on leadership engagement
    - Service component covers a wide range of events and experiences on campus and off
      - All are in the Volunteer opportunities are on the site
      - A Monday of every month is an activity
        - Next Month (March) will be conducted with the U and I Care program
      - A Saturday of every month is an off-campus activity
      - Save the date: UIC Day of Service on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Registration opens the first week of March
      - Over 400 partners are involved with CSLCE, covering a wide range of services
    - Speaker also presented UIC early voting next week
      - Date/Time: 10/31/2018 - 11/02/2018; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
      - Location: 613 Student Center East
      - BallotReady.org website to get information on all candidates and everyone who's on the ballot
  - Theresa Christenson ([tchris1@uic.edu](mailto:tchris1@uic.edu)), Director of Graduate Student Professional and Career Development.
    - The goal of the Graduate Student Professional and Career Development office is to develop strategies and networks to be a successful professional, empowering grad student to navigate a lifetime of complex career decisions
    - “PhD Now What?” Programs, upcoming Thursdays
      - Looking at what job search skills
      - There's Three different topics that will be covered by these events
        - Part 1: Self Inventory
        - Part 2: From Knowing Yourself to a Job Title: How to Find Right Career Titles
        - Part 3: My Top 3 Targets and Action Plan!
        - When: Thursday February 14, 21, 28, 2019
        - WHERE: SSB 2790, 1200 W HARRISON ST
    - Three Minute Thesis competition
      - Presenting one static Slide and explain your research project under 3 minutes
      - Submit an initial video to enter the competition
        - 3 will be selected for the final UIC competition



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- There are prize awards
  - Going further will get you to compete at a national level.
  - Will take place at the SCE or here at the SSB
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the competition date, making it a way to understand your project and see what others are doing
  - More information will be sent by Theresa Christenson soon
- Resources for Graduate Students
  - Imagine PhD (<https://www.imaginephd.com/>)
    - Developed for Humanities and Social science students; assisting with career exploration and planning, similar to My IDP form
    - This service allows students to connect to several assessments for free
    - Assessments for STEM students are available on this website
  - The Versatile PhD ([grad.uic.edu/career-services-versatile-phd](http://grad.uic.edu/career-services-versatile-phd))
    - For people thinking of a career outside the academia, available for everybody
    - [Grad.uic.edu/graduate-studies-step-by-step](http://Grad.uic.edu/graduate-studies-step-by-step)
      - Premium Content
      - Log in through the Grad College website
      - Also has a 6-module career exploration course to assess strength, job opportunities, improve job readiness, and different campus resources
    - No tracking and so you don't have to worry that the information is being reported to the department
  - National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (<https://grad.uic.edu/national-center-faculty-development-and-diversity-ncfdd>)
    - Webinars that cover a wide range of topics
      - Planning
      - Time Management
      - Art of saying No
      - Strategies of dealing with rejection
    - Useful for everyone, and new faculty
    - Has support groups for writing skills, and accountability for the content produced daily
    - Everyone is welcome to use these sources
    - Representative comments that there's a 14-day 30min/day writing challenge and allows for people to practice writing with this platform.
  - These online resources are available and provided by student services
  - Best time for career workshops, would it be best for grads to join ASAP, as its best to learn these skills ASAP
  - GRAD student appreciation week will take place April 1-5<sup>th</sup> (they will offer workshops, breakfasts, massages and plenty of useful things for grad students)
- Joseph Lutz, Associate Director of Postdoctoral Affairs.
  - New office for Postdocs, recently establish.
    - They organized and led the Career development Symposium
    - Postdoc symposium is focused on jobs after PhD, to which there are 4 themes
      - Academia



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- Career Services
- Industry
- Science Communication
- Currently organizing a first meeting for an upcoming career symposium, graduate students are welcome to help organize the event
  - Allows for networking for career panelists and speakers
- His email for information: joelutz@uic.edu
- He can also help you network with other Postdocs,
- Speaker also mentioned that becoming a Postdoc is not the only outcome for graduate students; it really depends on your career interests (as it could be in career services, industry, etc.)
- Question from representative: What is the extent of Postdocs opportunities in the field of humanities?
  - Speaker stated that there's a representation gap, but they're open to new members that could help the office expand into that field.
- Comment from GSC President: The Career symposium was excellent, and speakers were insightful. The event is open for graduate students, and we should take that opportunity to learn about our next step.

### 3. Project awards presentations

- “Politics of the Sensible” 4th annual Chicago Graduate Conference on Hispanic, Luso-Brazilian and Latinx studies - Meloddye Carpio & Tania Torres Oyarce.
  - Annual conference for Hispanic Literary Program
  - Target audience are faculty and graduate students
  - The goal is to have intellectual exchange of literature, covering a wide range of topics
  - They're asking for \$500, we helped previously for the keynote and they hope we will again
  - All three universities help collaborate
    - Northwestern
    - University of Chicago
    - University of Illinois at Chicago
  - They're still accepting abstracts till Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The conference will take place here at UIC in April 18-20<sup>th</sup>, Student Center East
  - Open to everyone at UIC
  - Approx., they expect there to be 50 people per day.
  - They agreed to add the GSC logo in all promotions.
  - There's a \$20 registration fees for non-UIC people.
  - They will advertise the event on Facebook, Listserves and their website, alongside other university sources.
  - GSC voted and decided on: Funding the project

### 4. Updates from the GSC Officers:

- Sai-Siva Kare, updates on travel awards application process.
  - Awards Granted (so far):
    - Quarter 1: 65 Travel Awards, 1 Project Award
    - Quarter 2: 51 Travel Awards



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- Quarter 3: 71 travel awards, 2 Project Awards
  - Quarter 4 we can give up to an approximately 75 travel awards
  - Juan Maldonado Weng, updates on Attendance.
    - List of departments with one or more Representative absent (and until they make up for absences, their fellow Department Grad Students will not be eligible for GSC Travel Awards):
      - Microbiology and Immunology
      - Educational Policy Studies
      - Microbiology and Immunology
      - School of Design
      - Social Work
      - Policy Studies in Urban Education
      - Curriculum and Instruction
      - Management Information Systems
      - Linguistics
      - Occupational Therapy
      - Slavic and Baltic
      - School of Architecture
      - Management Information Systems
    - Please communicate with GSC officers (GSC-OFFICERS@listserv.uic.edu) to make up for your absences.
    - NO more absences are allowed for compensation starting March meeting
  - Pratik-Sanjeev Deshpande, updates on GSC events.
    - Social events
      - Painting with fingers, and meditation
        - March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-7pm in SCW
      - Cultural Diversity Day
        - Invite everybody from different cultural organization
        - We want everyone to participate and represent their culture through song, poetry, dance/etc.
        - April 5<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Room, SCE
  - Anna Terebus, updates from Student Fee Advisory Committee.
    - Campus Care asked for the increase of coverage from \$1517 to \$1790 per year
    - Maximum for campus care coverage now is unlimited, which has affected deficit for expenses
      - Campus Care fee increase for the students is pending the decision of the Board of Trustees
    - There will be the increase of the fees of \$100 per year, starting next year, for the project of building and reconstruction of Student Centers.
    - March meeting updates:
      - Rex Tolliver, Vice-Chancellor of Students Affairs, will talk about projects for graduate students.
      - Next meeting there will be discussion on Officers Elections in April, and Senate representation of GSC for next year
5. Representatives Sign In & Adjournment of the General GSC meeting



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