GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING AGENDA
DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2020
TIME: 5-7pm
PLACE: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://uic.zoom.us/j/99608912210?pwd=TkpZcEhwNTFkTVM0ZjdtMzBMYkw5UT09
Meeting ID: 996 0891 2210
Password: GSCgen20!

1. **Welcome**

2. **Officer Introductions and Review of Officer Roles**
   a. Maria Escamilla, President
   b. Amira Kefi, Vice-President
   c. Sheetal Prasad, Treasurer
   d. Christine Barber, Secretary

3. **GSC Advisor Introduction**
   a. Dean Linda Deanna, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
      i. Available to any student who has a question or needs help addressing things within the university
      ii. Office of the Dean of Students is open everyday M-F 9-4 pm or virtually

4. **GSC Exec Committee**
   a. Sydney Erlikh
   b. Akshay Thar

5. **GSC Representative Introductions**
   a. Representatives from XX departments in attendance and introduced themselves

6. **Discussion of the Role of GSC**
   a. Maria Escamilla, President GSC
   b. Reforms for students, anything that representatives bring to the table we can discuss and connect with the UIC administration to support grad students
   c. Participate in search committees for new administrators at UIC
   d. USC Budget Advisory Committee

e. Coursework implementation

f. GSC Constitution

    i. 12 Articles

    ii. Downloadable on GSC website www.gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu

g. Roles of Representatives and Alternates

    i. Serve for one academic year (August-May)

    ii. Share, publicize, and distribute meeting minutes, events, and information distributed by GSC

    iii. Solicit concerns/issues from students in department and bring to GSC

        1. Concerns from reps about attendance policy being punitive rather than inviting participation, to be discussed in future meetings about Constitutional amendment regarding attendance policy.

        2. Rep/alternate rules amendments

h. UIC Senate

    i. Meets monthly

    ii. Next meeting is on September 23, 2020 – 3:15-4 PM

    iii. Several open chairs in Senate Committees – if interested, please inform GSC Officers (GSC-Officers@listserv.uic.edu) and we can add you to the UIC Senate Committees

        1. Senate Executive Committee (1)

        2. Senate Budget, Planning, and Priorities (2)

        3. Senate Educational Policy (1)

        4. Senate Research (1)

        5. Senate Recruitment, Admissions & Retention (1)

        6. Senate Student Affairs (2)

        7. Senate Academic Services (2)

        8. Senate Support Services (2)

7. **Guest Speaker**

a. Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) – Jared O'Connor, Co-President of GEO

    i. Represent at GAs and TAs at UIC

      ii. Protect our labor through collective bargaining

           1. Financial, how we're treated and respected on campus

           2. Bargaining with UIC Admins regarding COVID-19

              a. Summer course building

              b. Housing for international students

              c. Out of network health coverage

              d. Telehealth mental health

              e. Do not have to record your lectures/classes

           3. Q/A with Jared and Reps

           4. CONTACT INFORMATION

              a. https://uic-geo.net/mainsite/?page_id=2325

              b. jjoconno91@gmail.com

8. **Academic Year 2020-2021 Budget Discussion**

    a. Sheetal Prasad, Treasurer, GSC

      i. Past GSC Budget and Expences

           1. Travel Award

               a. $275 award was the amount granted to each student during 2019-2020

              b. Provided to grad students traveling to conferences in which they are presenting or leading a discussion

              c. Granted first come, first serve; quarterly applications

              d. 1 per student per academic year

           2. Project Award – up to $2500 annually (5 awards)

              a. Provided to student orgs or individual students doing campus or community service projects which benefit graduate students

              b. $500 – use for booking a room, speaker honorariums, etc.

      ii. AY 2020-2021 Budget and Proposals

           1. Motion to amend travel awards to cover registration expenses for students presenting at virtual conferences for AY 2020-2021 due to restrictions on travel due to COVID-19 global pandemic

      a.   Majority yes, no dissent

  2. Motion to create a conference award for students to attend virtual conferences during AY 2020-2021

      a.   Still need to determine guidelines for access to award, amount of award, etc.

9. Representative Sign-In and Adjournment