



GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, October 1, 2020

TIME: 5-7pm

PLACE: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uic.zoom.us/j/91210051046?pwd=VmsxYXdnNFoxUWs2NDEwNTR6OEUxQT09>

Meeting ID: 912 1005 1046

Password: gradsc2020

1. Welcome

2. Guest Speaker – Disability Cultural Center

- a. Margaret Fink, PhD, Director
- b. Shared information about DCC and accessibility at UIC
- c. bit.ly/accessUICDCC
- d. <https://uofi.app.box.com/v/accessibledocsQG>
- e. <https://dcc.uic.edu/resources/accessibility-resources-guides/>
- f. <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/cxvj8vquzemi2qljoc701e7er7wihlvo>
- g. Q&A
 - i. Will instructors be informed about students who are disabled in their class and/or approach students about disability?
 1. You cannot force someone to disclose their disability status.
 2. You should not approach someone with an assumption or
 3. Recommends an “access invitation” stated in the class and on syllabus to encourage students to come forward
 - ii. Accessible social media posts?
 1. Check DCC website and resource guides (listed in PowerPoint)

3. Guest Speaker – Black Graduate Student Association and Good Trouble Coalition

- a. Alexis Grant, BGSA President, Good Trouble Coalition Facilitator
- b. Productivity Space: bit.ly/BGSA_productive
- c. Upcoming Events
 - i. 10/6 at 6 pm: Campus Conversation on Campus Safety
 1. Organized by Good Trouble Coalition
 - ii. 10/14 Black Table Talk
 1. Joint event with Af American Cultural Center
 2. Space for Black students to come together and talk
 - iii. 10/22 at 6 pm: October Social
 1. Space for folks to come, have fun, and take a break from work
- d. Student Demands Letter
 - i. Bit.ly/UICDemandKit
 - ii. Graphics and keep momentum going to demand UIC cut ties with UIC PD and Chicago PD
 - iii. Continuing to try to hold university accountable
- e. Good Trouble Coalition



- i. Ruffle feathers, and push against these systems to make the university a better and more welcoming place for EVERYONE
- ii. Hold university accountable for engagement and maintaining racist systems
- iii. Vision: That UIC would be an antiracist, abolitionist institution that actively supports dismantling patriarchy and structural racism to the benefit of students, faculty, staff, and community members of diverse and intersectional identities
- iv. Mission: **Advocate** for undergraduate, graduate, and professional student demands to the UIC administration through civic engagement; **Foster collaboration** between like-minded students to coordinate action across the University in all departments, colleges, and domains; **Facilitate a support network** where individuals can share information, resources, and social support, bridging the work of the Center for Cultural Understanding and Social Change
- v. Get Involved
 1. Meet bi-weekly on Mondays at 3pm
 2. Join as an individual or as a representative for an organization
 3. Current organizational partners: Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA), Graduate Employees Organization (GEO), Student for Democratic Society at UIC (SDS); Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
 4. Join at: groups.google.com/g/goodtroubleUIC
- f. Q & A
 - i. Concerns about abolishing police and campus safety
 1. There is continued discussion about this, the GTC is trying to reimagine campus safety.
 - ii. Is it about UIC PD or involvement of CPD?
 1. It's both. But the focus has been on CPD
 - iii. There is partnership with African American Cultural Center to help bolster education and understanding about "Black Lives Matter"

4. GSC Budget Proposal

- a. Sheetal Prasad, Treasurer GSC
 - b. Budget is \$108,100 for the year
 - c. Travel Awards
 - i. \$200
 - d. Project Awards
 - i. \$500
 - e. Conference Awards
 - f. GSC Events
 - i. Social and Academic Events
 - ii. 10/16 – WLRC/CAN and GSC Event on Setting Boundaries
 - g.
- #### **5. Vote on Proposed Budget**

- a. Reps voted in favor of approving budget
 - i. 50 yes; 3 no



Graduate Student Council

6. Vote on GSC Involvement with Good Trouble Coalition

- a.** Reps voted in favor of GSC officially signing on as a student organization partner in Good Trouble Coalition
 - i.** 49 yes; 0 no
- b.** Request for reps to inform officers if interested in being GSC liaison
 - i.** If interested in serving as liaison, please email GSC-Officers@listerv.uic.edu

7. Representative Sign-In and Adjournment