



GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, April 1, 2021

TIME: 5-7pm

PLACE: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uic.zoom.us/j/89430734247?pwd=SzVNU3h2LzVLUkZHZzIjMlNyUWpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 3073 4247

Password: GradSC2020

1. Welcome

2. Guest Speaker – UI Health COVID-19 Updates

- a. Dr. Susan Bleasdale, Director of Infectious Disease Control
- b. <https://vcha.uic.edu/>
- c. <https://today.uic.edu/coronavirus>
- d. COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery
 - i. Vaccine available for all UIC staff
 - ii. If you are staff, you should have received an email to sign up
 - iii. Hoping to expand to all students with the statewide rollout (April 12), expect by May 1, 2021 for all students, if not sooner.
 1. As soon as available, a notice will be sent out to the campus community
 - iv. Credit Union One Arena Vaccination Site is available to anyone who meets the phase requirement
 - v. For more information/to select an appointment: vaccine.uihealth.care
 - vi. Vaccines are effective but you should still wear a mask and social distance
- e. 3 Vaccines are available (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson)



- i. If you can get one, get the first one available to you
- f. COVID Testing at UIC
 - i. Symptomatic testing
 - ii. Asymptomatic testing
- g. It is likely that boosters will be needed (in the fall), not due to reduced effectiveness, but due to new variant strains of COVID-19

3. GSC Updates

- a. Budget
 - i. Budget Approval: 44 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain
- b. GSC Supported Initiatives
 - i. Housing Initiative
 - 1. Approved: 47 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain
 - ii. Pop-Up Pantry
 - iii. U & I Care Fund
- c. Upcoming GSC Events
 - i. April 6 - Know Your Rights: Police and Protesting
 - 1. <http://go.uic.edu/POLICEANDPROTEST>
 - ii. April 8 - Knowing Your Own Value in the Academy
 - 1. <https://go.uic.edu/GSCDrKelsky>
 - iii. April 14 - Picture a Scientist
 - 1. <https://go.uic.edu/PAS414>
 - 2. <https://go.uic.edu/PASFilm>
 - iv. May 1 - GSC Comedy Night



1. <https://go.uic.edu/GSCComedy>

4. GSC Officer Elections for 2021-2022

- a. Candidate Introductions
- b. Q&A with the Candidates
- c. Vote
 - i. Melissa Macero – President
 - ii. Trina Fresco – Vice-President
 - iii. Shravni Deshmukh – Treasurer
 - iv. Rita Omuro – Secretary

5. Representative Sign-In and Adjournment