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/) 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 13th, 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), 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
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 14th 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)
  - For people thinking of a career outside the academia, available for everybody
  - 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 1-5th (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
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 15th.
       - The conference will take place here at UIC in April 18-20th, 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
- 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 14th, 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 5th, 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
GSC Facebook Page

GSC Website

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