1. Welcome & Dinner
   - The president of GSC welcomed the representatives, graduate students, and speakers.
   - A team activity hosted by Sydney, the first team of three must find the date when school was founded?

2. Welcome back presentations from the 2019-2020 GSC Officers
   i. GSC President, Sai Siva Kare
      - He spoke about GSC, its mission, and plans for the upcoming year
      - Introduced all the officers and explained how GSC operates with the help of EC, officers and the administration.
      - GSC operations and budget allocation was explained by him briefly.
      - What is travel and project award? Visit: Gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu for more details.
      - He pointed out that the travel award can be given once and project grants can be given by more than once to the same group, depending on the availability of funds.
      - PDA symposium: 13th September this will be organized jointly by GSC and PDA.
      - He asked for any suggestions about the events from public:
         - Some events for improving communication and presentation skill sets of students.
         - Vice-President said that there are different events like toastmasters and Research forum organized by UIC where they teach students about improving communication skills.
      - Possible events that would be organized by GSC in the upcoming year are LinkedIn Photoshoot, networking and career panel events
      - A representative raised a question where the grant money goes?
         - President suggested that we can have a workshop based on that.
      - President discussed about other social and professional events like welcome back party, yoga and Halloween.
      - He pointed out that GSC have representation with the senate where different chancellors and officers from administration come together to discuss about their duties and obligations with the students.
      - Council representatives and officers are leaders, and should know the impact that they are having in the world
   ii. GSC Vice-President, Biswajit Maharathi
      - He spoke about Executive Committee students’ involvement in Senate and Leadership opportunities
      - GSC is representing body of graduate students, which interacts with the administration.
      - GSC’s representation in the Education Committee:
         - Recommends candidates for education and research related work.
o Research covers all the web store software which are research tools for students.
  o Education department covers the improvement of online teaching experiences by providing better black board and online lecture experience.

● Senate is involved in constructing professional, financial and educational requirements for the students to graduate with a degree at UIC.
● Representation at Information Technology Governance Council (ITGC) Education Committee (EC):
  o There is an opening in ITGC EC, if you have a query regarding that contact: GSC-Officers@listserv.uic.edu
  o Senate is looking for the representation, reach out to GSC officers using: GSC-Officers@listserv.uic.edu

iii. GSC Treasurer, Sivaraman Laksmipathy
  ● He spoke about budget, its allocation, travel and project award applications
  ● Budget Allocation and spending:
    o Major allocation towards travel and project grants. More information at: Gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu
  ● Travel grants:
    o Given to the students who are the main speaker, chairing and leading a lecture.
    o Proof and abstract of the project is required.
    o Only one travel grant is given to students.
    o The awards are given as a first come first serve basis.
    o The travel grant can be filled online, and more information is available at the GSC website: Gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu.
  ● Project awards:
    o Given for any project or conference that you are hosting. More details are given at the GSC website: Gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu.
    o The project awards are given based on voting done by the students.
  ● The awards are given quarterly so more applicants can reap the benefits from those grants.

iv. GSC Secretary, Ritesh Jagatramka Function and responsibilities of Departmental Representatives
  ● Website:
    o Meeting minutes and agenda available at https://gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu/
    o Complete list of representative available with department
    o Notify any changes in the department name
  ● Reminder of departmental representative duties and obligations:
    o 100% Attendance is encouraged, please check to make sure any changes in the representatives
    o Communicating with respective departments/schools
    o If you can’t make it, let GSC know ahead of time

3. Speakers for tonight
  i. Dean Linda Deanna, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Dean of Students and Advisor for the GSC:
    ● Dean Deanna has been the dean for over 18 years.
    ● Office of the Dean of Students is involved with Undergraduates and Graduates.
● A lot of respect for all the graduate students:
  o She appreciates how students maintain personal, professional and academic life. She acknowledges the fact that all the students are juggling between different priorities and still make it to the meeting.

● Student Legal Services:
  o They are the ones who care about students.
  o It is highly confidential.
  o The funding for this service is included in the student fees.

● UIC Relief fund for students:
  o UIC has funding for students who are having social and/or personal problems.
  o This a relief fund for students in emergency or need.
  o Over 900 students were helped by the funding committee which is Office of the Dean of Students.

● Dean Deanne will be present at all our meeting don’t be afraid to reach out to her.

ii. Rabiah Mayas, Ph.D., Associate Director of Science in Society, Northwestern

● Opportunity available at the science club:
  o Science Club is organized to motivate the youth for taking active participation in science.
  o Science Club holds a program where they help researchers for research related issues.
  o The sessions are for 90 minutes a week where they are engaging with high school students to take their favorite snacks and make it healthier.
  o This program is more about science and relationship and how they merge together.
  o Increased abilities for designing and presenting is observed amongst students.
  o The mentors share that it reinvigorates their problem-solving skills.
  o They have had a strong relationship with UIC students.
  o For more details, visit: sis.northwestern.edu

iii. Susan E. Panek, UIC Student Trustee, Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:
  ● Board of trustee has one student representation from each U of I universities.
  ● Susan is one of the Trustees, she serves as the link between board of trustee, grad college and students.
  ● Board of trustees are making active decisions about financial, professional and personal well-being at all three universities of U of I.
  ● Her office is SCE 392, reach out to her at spanek4@uic.edu.
  ● She will be present at all GSC meeting.

iv. Peyton Bohnsack, PhD, President, UIC Postdoctoral Association

● Career Development Symposium:
  o On Friday, 13th September at SCE.
  o Have 350 enrollments.
  o In the meeting all the people who have graduated as PhDs will talk about their experiences and how they have overcome the financial and professional hurdles.

4. Project Award:
Viktoriya Zvoda, Biophysics Networking Symposium in Chicago, Project award:
  o A fair on biophysics networking symposium.
  o Postdocs will be able to come and network.
  o This event is mainly for graduate students and done for graduate students. This an open event will be happening at SCE.

● Key points:
  o She will be making a guide for arranging an event of this capability.
• The guide will include a timeline of the events and other minute details behind organizing the event.
  • There are an overwhelming number of participants from different universities across Chicago.
  • The graduate representatives voted for providing the grant.

5. Important updates to the GSC Constitution and overview
   • Constitution amendments were made in summer:
     o No discrimination is permitted on the basis color and creed.
     o The constitution is made available in the GSC website: Gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu.
     o DGS appoints the rep. and alt rep.
   • The department reps are chosen by DGS and travel and project grants are given to only the departments that have good standing with GSC.
   • Duties of the Reps:
     o Attend all the meetings to have a good standing with GSC.
     o Distribute the meeting minutes to the students.
     o Promote GSC events.
     o Bring any student issues in the meetings
   • A representative pointed out that Travel awards are given by UIC graduate college as well.
   • If the department has two absences, they will be marked as invalid and after three the department may not be eligible for project and travel awards.
   • A complete department list can be found in the constitution in the GSC website.
   • Representatives can help GSC by making sure their names and departments are enlisted appropriately on the website.

6. The meeting is adjourned.

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