GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** Thursday, October 1, 2020
**TIME:** 5-7pm
**PLACE:** Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:
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**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
   d. [https://uofi.app.box.com/v/accessibledocsQG](https://uofi.app.box.com/v/accessibledocsQG)
   e. [https://dcc.uic.edu/resources/accessibility-resources-guides/](https://dcc.uic.edu/resources/accessibility-resources-guides/)
   f. [https://uofi.app.box.com/s/cxvj8vquzem1lqoc701e7er7wihlvo](https://uofi.app.box.com/s/cxvj8vquzem1lqoc701e7er7wihlvo)
   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
   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](https://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](http://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. **Vote on Proposed Budget**
   a. Reps voted in favor of approving budget
      i. 50 yes; 3 no
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