GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 2, 2021
TIME: 5 - 7 pm
PLACE: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:
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1. Welcome
The welcome address was given by GSC President, Melissa Macero

2. Officer Introductions and Review of Officer Roles
Each officer introduced themselves and talked about their roles and responsibilities.
   ○ Melissa Macero, President
   ○ Trina Fresco, Vice-President
   ○ Shravni Deshmukh, Treasurer
   ○ Rita Omuero, Secretary

3. GSC Advisor Introduction
Dean Linda Deanna, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
   ● This year is her 20th anniversary working at UIC.
   ● She asked students to reach out to her if they need assistance. She mentioned that one of the functions of the office of Student Affairs/Dean of Students is to provide students with support like housing, personal/family issues, grief, or faculty conflict.

4. Discussion of the Role of GSC
By Melissa Macero, GSC President
   ● The official governing graduate student body and serve all graduate students.
   ● Sponsor and host academic and social activities
   ● We do Travel Award and Conference Award
   ● A bridge between graduate students and the administration.
   ● Brings reforms to assist students e.g emergency housing
5. Roles of GSC Executive Committee
   - Assist the officers in planning, facilitating, and executing GSC events and activities.
   - Attend GSC regular meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
   - Support GSC officers and students

6. Discussion of the Role of Representatives
   By Trina Fresco, GSC Vice-President
   - Bridges between the students, their departments and GSC officers, and the administration
   - Attend regular meetings and disseminate minutes and GSC events information to the students in their respective departments.
   - Bring students concerns to GSC
   - Absence might be made up but more than 2 absences lead to a replacement

7. Roles of Alternate Representatives
   - Fill in for the primary representative in their absence

8. Important
   - Two amendments to the GSC Constitution: Article IV. Representatives and Alternate Representatives and Article IX. Funds were voted on.

9. Academic Year 2021-2022 Budget Discussion
   By Shravni Deshmukh, GSC Treasurer
   - GSC Awards are divided into 3; Travel award, Conference award, and Project award
   - Project Award
     - Deadline 1st Friday in November for Fall semester and 1st Friday in March for the spring semester.
     - Submit application via GSC email GSC-OFFICERS@listserv.uic.edu
     - Awards are voted on at the regular meeting after the presentation of the project
   - Travel Awards
     - No out of state travel award for this Fall semester due to safety concerns
Divided into four quarters:

- Quarter 1: May 01st – July 31st
- Quarter 2: August 01st – October 31st
- Quarter 3: November 01st – January 31st
- Quarter 4: February 01st – April 30th

- Applications should be submitted within the quarter of the intended travel
- For presenters submit proof of acceptance e.g an email from the organizers
- The amount is $300 for in-state travel

10. Breakout rooms for Representative introductions and ideas/concerns about GSC

Facilitated by GSC officers

11. Breakout room reports

Concerns/suggestions brought forward are

- Campus Care: A speaker to explain how campus care works
- Networking: how to network in a virtual world
- International Students internships
- Cover letter workshop
- Stress management
- Survey for events/speakers ideas to students sent by the representatives.
- Social events like Trivia games

12. Representative Sign-In and Adjournment