

Graduate student council meeting minutes
DATE: October 4, 2018 **TIME:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

I. Speakers for tonight:

- Director of Career Services, Thy Nguyen
 - Career Services serve graduate students.
 - They offer advising appointments and consultations.
 - Mission is to help graduate students in the career developing process. They help find jobs, whether in industry or academia.
 - They can advise each individual student. They offer help based on the students' personal career needs:
 1. Career assessment is offered.
 2. Help with resume, cover letter and CV. They offer advice on shaping that document
 3. They offer help accessing job information through a special database.
 4. Specific information per student need, helping with alternative careers.
 5. Assist in the job search process
 6. Advise using networking tools like social media such as Linked In.
 7. They offer mock interviews.
 - Career services helps by coaching. They also host job fairs.
 - Representative asked about the status of the Student Temporary services which would provide temporary work for students
 - o The program has been suspended due to demand.
 - Representative asked about specific services to help international students get work.
 - o Career services have a database to help students find employment. They are also hosting an International Alumni career panel with GSC in November.
 - Another representative asked about formal and proper services to assist in networking.
 - o Their office assist with your Linked In profile. They also provide strategies for networking.
- Disability Cultural Center Representative(s), Lily Diego-Johnson and Stephanie Hernandez
 - Disability Cultural Center is new center.
 - This center tries to open up the conversation and remove stigma surrounding disability.
 - There are seven cultural centers at UIC, including: Gender and sexuality, Latino and Arabic
 - They have various programs throughout the summer.
 - They are located at the Daley library.
 - The center allows for networking, sharing strategies, advice, flexible reading space, etc.
 - Programs – Professor James Charlton is giving a lecture next Thursday.
 - Upcoming event: Conversations Matter – a series of talks.
 - All of these programs help share and communicate different types of disabilities.
 - Space is open to everyone, mental illness, allies, anyone, etc.
 - While the Disability Resource Center helps with accommodation and adjustment to campus life, the Disability cultural center focuses on dialogue and communication.
 - They have a Facebook page and listserv: Dcc@uic.edu
 - Their listed email is to the Director Roxana Stupp: rstupp@uic.edu
 - They do a lot of outreach events in the community.
 - Representative asked: Are there events that would help people without disabilities interact and communicate with people with disabilities?
 - They are designing a lecture and course to help with classroom accessibility.
 - Faculty and students can come in and ask to see how students with disabilities feel about certain situations. Conversations and personal questions are welcome.

II. Updates from the **GSC Officers**

- Officers request that representative fill out the interest forms.
- Volunteer committee needs to decide on how to proceed. There are three options to begin the process:
 - Join the organization “Make Mondays Matter”
 - Join the “GIVE” program
 - Create our own volunteer organization
- Those interested joining the volunteer committee must state so in the interest form or inform the GSC officers: GSC-OFFICERS@listserv.uic.edu
- There are upcoming career events by Career Services: LinkedIn Lab and Photo Booth scheduled for next Thursday, Oct. 11th from Noon until 2pm at SCE, room 713

III. Updates to the **GSC Constitution**

- Amendment updates. Please refer to the GSC General October meeting slides for full detailed amendment changes.
- Section 3. Duties of Representatives – Representatives must distribute the general meeting minutes.
- Section 7. Absence amendment
- Representative asked whether you can have alternative representative.
 - Yes, the alternative representative can take the place of the main representative in case of an absence.
- Representative asked whether a representative has to make up for the first meeting absence.
 - The president replied “Yes”.
- Representative asked question regarding section 3 and the distribution of the minutes.
 - President clarified that the minutes must be sent by a mailing list for grad students of the representative’s respective department or post somewhere the information is accessible.
- President also clarified regarding a representative’s question that if neither main or alternative representative is able to make it, then it will be considered an absence for that meeting
- Section 1. Exec committee is now established.
- Section 2. Duties of Exec committee are stated.
- Section 3. Inactive Exec committee member: Three consecutive absences will make them inactive, thus losing ability to participate in the election
- Section 2.1 eligibility for president – Requirement for president.
- A representative commented that the person elected goes through election process and thus will be evaluated by the voters.
 - President explains that the person must fulfill requirements for being a GSC officer and comply with one of the criteria to uphold the responsibilities of being president
- Representative asked about the experience criteria and whether it can be off campus experience.
 - President replied that there’s advantage of having experience in the campus as you’ll know how things work relevant to UIC.
- Representative commented that it is up to those who vote to decide on what experience is enough from the candidate.
- Another representative commented that having outside experience could be valuable but people voting would decide whether it is enough.

- Representative argued that the criteria might inhibit future good candidates. Also has concern on GSC representatives in the previously mentioned Section 1 as making the meeting minutes available is not the same as distributing.
 - President replied that email is the most effective way.
 - Representative suggested that it would be easier to add examples in the constitution relating to the distribution of meeting minutes as to not have confusion.
- Section 4. Election Procedure.
- Representative requested clarification on the "Secret Ballot" procedure.
 - The constitution has been modified to clarify that it would be though anonymous written ballots.
- President addressed concerns on the voting count per department and decided that everyone present in the meeting will get one vote.
- A voter runoff system will be implemented as to avoid unfair voting.
- Article IX. Executive committee meetings is established.
- Section 3. Academic committee is established.
- Section 4. Volunteering committee is established.

IV. General GSC meeting is adjourned.