I. Speakers
   ● Joseph Hermes, PhD, the Director of UIC Counseling Center
     ○ New Counseling center website under construction. Current website: www.counseling.uic.edu
     ○ Flyers will be attached for distribution.
     ○ They offer a “Drop-In Space”, allowing students to talk about concerns with professional staff
       ■ In the West Campus, also in flyer
     ○ Website Online Mental Health Screening in the website
       ■ Users can stay anonymous.
       ■ Surveys are available to evaluate concerns and mental health (not diagnostic but indicators).
       ■ Resources available for Suicide Prevention and Education page.
     ○ Doctors and Post-doctoral faculty and staff are available
       ■ Inundated with high demand
     ○ Supporting counseling center
       ■ Level of anxiety in student continue to rise
       ■ Campus Conversation “What’s Going on and Why? Mental Health and the University Student” on Mental Health is available on YouTube UIC channel
     ○ Current commitment in about 3-4 weeks
     ○ They conduct crisis intake and triage for students in need
     ○ Services include
       ■ Open group therapy: some are specific group (grad students, people of color)
       ■ Mind and Body services
         ● Koru Mindfulness workshops
         ● Self-compassion workshop
     ○ Partnership – with Northwestern for Behavior intervention
       ■ Program needs help with design of application for mental health. If you desire to assist them, please contact:
         ● Nathan Winquist (nathan.winquist@northwestern.edu)
     ○ A representative asked a question concerning Campus Care coverage:
       ■ Counseling center is covered by Health fees, Campus care is not a requirement for services; no changes on Campus care coverage should affect services.
         ● You can check campus care certificate for coverage in detail.
         ● Many services are covered by student fees.
     ○ Question, what can GSC or students do to help Counseling Center:
       ■ Staff and students that need to identify students in need should help address the continuing increase of need from the students. Student voice is important.
Question Contact information:
- jhermes@uic.edu
- Calling counseling center and leaving voicemail is better: (312) 996-3490
- To contact for request for workshop training: jstrofk@uic.edu

- Ted Kwon, Attorney in Law, the Director of Students Legal Services
  - Attorney is available for all UIC students.
  - Marketing is an issue, as not many students are aware of this service.
  - There’s only one attorney in staff.
  - They offer legal advice and representation.
    - They offer training in how to avoid legal entanglement
      - Covered by student fees.
      - Specialist matters for patents or anything can be completed through referrals.
      - 700 individual cases made since Feb 2016
      - Court appearances are made as well, yet are no longer offered.
      - Immigration services also offered by bringing in immigration attorneys (seasonal, not year-long service)
    - Service coming back up soon
  - Email: attyted@uic.edu
  - Website: https://dos.uic.edu/studentlegalservices.shtml
  - Clients are afforded full confidentiality
  - Question on possibly hosting a workshop for immigration related topics:
    - There were informational workshops on DACA last year.
    - There are also employment agreement workshops
    - He is open to discuss future workshop ideas

- Michael S. Diaz, JD, EdM, the Executive Associate Director, Title IX Coordinator
  - Email: mdiaz50@uic.edu
  - Role is to help with training and sexual misconduct.
  - First year students are required for sexual misconduct training.
  - Speaker urged students: don’t be afraid of being a good bystander in witnessing sexual misconduct
    - Prevention and intervention
    - And be mindful of one’s own actions with self-reflection.
  - Witnessing misconduct, Title IX office is the only one that can investigate on misconduct claims.
  - Their goal is to Remedy, Eliminate and Prevent any misconduct
  - Workshop offered
    - “One Love” – how to be a good bystander
  - Access website
  - They work closely with Student Offices
  - Complaints are sent to the Dean of Student office
  - Their other goal is to control for discrimination with Dept of Labor
  - Representative asked concerning the processing of a complaint:
    - 300 reports came throughout last year.
The person under investigation will be called in.

- They will receive the complaint, Title IX document and a signature confirming they understand the situation.

○ Representative asked about the mandatory training:
  - Mandate is only for first year students. However, employees (including TA, RA, GA) are obligated to complete the training every year.

○ Representative asked about the training itself in an example of a person under investigation:
  - When people are put in warning, calling them in is the opportunity to correct behavior and educate further

- Jashaun Bowens, the President of the Undergraduate Student Government
  - Collaboration between the two councils.
  - Student Town Hall – speaker urges the importance of having grad student input.
    - Both councils would draft the agenda.
  - Proposed idea wants input from Grad Reps
  - Will be delayed and pushed back until early next year.
  - Contact info: usgpresident@uic.edu

II. Updates:
- Updates from the GSC Treasurer Sai-Siva Kare
  - Travel Award update
    - 65 awards and 1 project award in first quarter
    - 50 in the second quarter
    - $275 for travel award
    - $500 for project
  - Quarter 3 is now opened for reimbursement (please go to GSC website to fill out applications).
  - People in Quarter 2 will be notified for their awards soon.

- Academic Events Updates by the GSC President Anna Terebus
  - Career events by GSC:
    - “How to find your first job after grad school…” in collaboration with UIC Career Services
      - When: Nov 28.
      - For professional photo booth RSVP link would be provided.
    - International Alumni Career Panel in collaboration with UIC Career Services, International Career Services, UIC Alumni Association, OIS
      - When: Nov 14.
  - Updates from the Theresa Christenson from the Graduate College.
    - Paid software offered to UIC graduate students for free: Versatile PhD, National Center on Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)
    - Free websites for making career decisions: my individual development plan (STEM PhD focused), imagine phd (Humanities and Social Sciences focused)
    - For more information contact: tchris1@uic.edu
Volunteering Committee Updates by the GSC Vice-President Carrie Nacht
  ○ Volunteering event: November 10th
  ○ Project GIVE – Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

III. Three Minute Thesis: Cheryl Widman
  ● “Understanding Parent Participation in the Postsecondary Education (PSE) of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)– A Pilot Study”

IV. Constitution Voting
  ● See the highlighted changes and complete constitution here: Master Constitution
  ● Voting decision: All major changes to the Constitution was approved by the representatives.

Meeting was adjourned.