

## University of Chicago Student Government

Fall Assembly

Zoom

Monday, November 2, 2020

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Attendance and voting records can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18sXcwoFt1sL4e7tYB4SuOfqS29d32GCXU1IEKEBHz98/edit?usp=sharing>

*Meeting called to order, 6:32 pm*

1. ENGAGE Presentation (Raven, Alex, Myles)
  - a. COVID-19 response
    - i. Sitting on the student advisory board and the creation of COVID-19 ad hoc committee
      1. Working with grad council, meeting with vice provost
      2. Focused on academic issues. What should classrooms look like? Felt like the admin really took our advice to heart and were receptive. Have been proactive and keeping us updated
      3. Please reach out if you have any questions. We are more than happy to share any information we have!
      4. Received over 30 applications for the ad hoc committee. Have done an excellent job being proactive so far and creating interesting and different ideas
    - b. Uplifting Student Voices
      - i. Phoenix Survivors Alliance
        1. Short/long term sexual violence prevention
        2. Meeting with admin on 10/14
          - a. Mario Polizzi, Meeta Kumar, Renae Desautel, Belinda Cortez Vzaquez
          - b. Productive and transparent meeting surrounded by student and admin engagement
        3. If your RSO wants help accessing admin, please reach out!
  - b. Safety and Security Town Hall
    - i. Last Thursday
    - ii. Slate, UCPD Chief, Admin presented on security at UChicago
    - iii. Questions submitted by students ahead of time and answered at the event
    - iv. Admin open and willing to answer questions
    - v. Would love to hear thoughts on town hall ideas as well

- d. Committee on Marginalized Student Affairs
  - i. New ad-hoc committee
  - ii. Tyler Okeke and Bianca Simmons have taken charge
  - iii. Providing new infrastructure to protect marginalized student activism
  - iv. Students will hopefully be able to liaise with D and I admin
  - v. Hoping to get the ball rolling on this next week
- e. Student Gov Technology Committee
  - i. New ad hoc committee
  - ii. Members will create technology for SG and liaise with ITS admin
  - iii. Raise awareness about the social impact of technology
- 2. Grad Council Presentation (Kimberly, Rohail, Steven)
  - a. 2019 Referendum -- changes to GC
    - i. Removing crossover between CC and GC
    - ii. Allows GC to more directly represent community
    - iii. GC operates as an independent grad SG with ongoing check-ins with the Provost's Office and Campus and Student Life
  - b. Exec Team Structure
    - i. Exec
    - ii. 33 representatives
    - iii. 12 graduate SGs
  - c. Committees
    - i. Membership and Internal Affairs Committee
      - 1. Building community -- team building/socials
    - ii. Marketing and Communications
    - iii. Social Events and Programming
    - iv. Community Initiative Committee
      - 1. Expanded this year to include policy initiatives
    - v. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
      - 1. Recently revamped
      - 2. No longer top down, focusing on listening to pre-existing student leaders
    - vi. Health and Wellness Committee
      - 1. Brand new committee
  - d. Funds
    - i. Academic and Professional Fund
      - 1. Making funding accessible during COVID
    - ii. Community Social and Wellness Fund
    - iii. Research and Personal Development Fund
      - 1. Formerly travel fund
  - e. 2020-2021 Priorities

- i. Rebuilding parameters of GC
    - ii. Build upon social events
    - iii. Ensure everyone has a seat at the table
  - f. All graduate student survey
    - i. Administration using survey results to influence decisions
    - ii. Partnering with different groups for wide intake of data
  - g. Updates
    - i. COVID Advisory Committee
    - ii. Creation of HAWC
    - iii. D and I Committee Empowerment
    - iv. Grad Student Lounge
    - v. Student Legal Services
    - vi. UChi Votes Divisional Voting Competition
- 3. College Council Presentation (Zebeeb)
  - a. CC meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Want to make more cross-over between different SG bodies!
  - b. Lots of logistics happening which has gotten us off to a slow start
    - i. Zebeeb is chair, Tyler is vice chair
  - c. Committee applications and appointing
    - i. Zeeshan - covid
    - ii. Parv - coalition for academic teams
    - iii. Naa Nikki - SAAP
    - iv. Kevin - sports
    - v. Julia Summer - SGFC
    - vi. Firouz - RSOs
    - vii. John Ash - CSFS
    - viii. Tyler Bianca - MSA
  - d. Creating community in CC
    - i. Mentorship form
    - ii. Intentional about creating community to retain members
  - e. Funding statue for mental health resource book
  - f. CC will be focusing on COVID centered response project groups
    - i. 6 people working on academics
    - ii. 5 people working on sustainability
    - iii. 2 people working on mental health
    - iv. 3 people working on health pact
  - g. Naa (2021) running a grieving space event post election day that centers on marginalized identities
    - i. Working with IOP student advisory board and student wellness
  - h. Members meeting with admin to talk about COVID

- i. Creation of CC's own social media
- 4. COVID-19 Committee Updates (Ryan)
  - a. Academic subcommittee
    - i. Interdivisional policy update
      - 1. No formal plan for university wide policies on leave of absence
      - 2. No central policies
      - 3. P/F adjustments and transcript statements
  - b. Student Resources subcommittee
    - i. Weekly digest
    - ii. Health pact awareness contest
    - iii. CLI Conversation Group Assistance
    - iv. Talk with mutual aid
  - c. Student Health and Well Being subcommittee
    - i. Greek life accountability pledge
    - ii. Expansion of study spaces
    - iii. Transcript adjustments
- 5. Confirmation of Committee Chairs and Members
  - a. Rohail: Motion to approve by unanimous consent
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. Passes with unanimous consent

*Meeting adjourned 7:09 pm*