



Meeting Minutes - 11/16/2020

November 16th, 2020 | Location: [Zoom](#) (Password: 818661)

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Divinity	Olga Leitch
Graham	John Lee
Graham	Abhishek Yadav
Graham	Jainam Mehta
Graham	Annie Quarat Lin
Graham	Michelle Ling
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Harris	Jake Lang
Harris	TBD
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Humanities	Natalie Farrell
Humanities	Andrew White
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Humanities	Matthew Hewett

Division	Name
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- Welcome [K/R/S]
- Campus & Student Life Presentation [Michele/Mike/Mario]
 - Thank you to GC Reps & Execs! Its an especially important time to have student voices involved in administration and you guys are a key way we keep that type of connection going.
 - MIchele Rasmussen - CSL is a unit which ensures there are supports in place for every student, regardless of division and program
 - Recreation & Fitness, International Affairs, Spiritual Life, Emergency Response Services, Student Groups, Center for Leadership & Involvement, Emergency Financial Support
 - Work closely with area deans of students
 - We've brought nearly everything we do to virtual services, including telemedicine and we are committed to ensuring that there is no stoppage of services at any period during this time
 - Mario Polizzi
 - Organizational Updates
 - Focus on bringing together integrated services for all of student wellness
 - A holistic approach to wellness
 - Virtual and in-person services
 - We can meet most student needs virtually, but we work with each student individually to find best practices
 - Counseling and Psychiatry is only happening virtually
 - Crisis cases are being seen as regularly as normal





- Student Wellness Center
 - Location - All on medical campus
 - Medical phase opened in March
 - Counseling and Health Promotion & Wellness will finish transition by December
 - Renovated historic infrastructure to create fully modern space
 - Focus on making this a welcoming and not clinical space
- Awareness Campaign
 - Focus group and workshopped ideas with students last year
- COVID updates
 - Any student who is part of our testing programs or gets tested at UCM those tests go to the practitioners in student wellness
 - They are following up with instructions on wellness
 - Daily checkins and updates
 - Also following up with students that test off campus but self-report
 - Cleaning kit and care package offered to everyone who tests positive
 - Question: Will there be exit testing before heading home?
 - Student wellness will be providing consultations for these students, but will need to provide advance notice to schedule a test
 - Separate depot for these tests, not sent to drive-thru location
 - For students in the testing program they can email in a request to be scheduled in an off cycle test
 - Testing program and student wellness will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, Friday of that week.
 - Question: Will there be return testing for students?
 - Unsure, but there will definitely be an expansion of the voluntary testing program for the winter quarter
 - Question: Will there be expanded test capacity?
 - Voluntary surveillance testing programs are structured separately from the potential exposure programs. The test availability is not linked between these two. UCM is stretched for tests and that's why we have to continue to have a screener for testing.
 - Question: Do you advise students to seek outside tests if availability is limited at UChicago?
 - We advise students to do whatever is best for their



personal needs and situation.

- Question: How big is the voluntary surveillance programs at the moment?
 - 5,200 tests a week for all tests
 - We rely on GC reps to help market this to enroll more people!!
- Mike Hayes
 - International Students Abroad
 - OIA has provided a number of services over the course of these last two quarters
 - We are working with individual students through office hours
 - Hosted post-election debrief workshop
 - Responsive to student concerns, topical webinars
 - Socials - Happy Hours, Study Hours
 - Global Mentorship Network
 - New international students paired with current international grad students
 - Places for students to study and eat during winter quarter
 - Many divisions have earmarked space for their own students and we hope to see this trend continue
 - Office of student centers, graduate and professional divisions all working to make spaces accessible
 - Planning to add 450-500 new study spaces reservable by students
 - 3 hour blocks are most popular with students
 - About 30-35% of students using library services are grad students
 - 30% no-show rate
 - Ida Noyes being added winter quarter with about 125 new spaces open to students
 - Opening 30 new spaces in Reynolds club
 - Library will be repurposing some of their density for zoom rooms
 - Exploring underutilized office spaces to include zoom rooms with individual doors
 - As we get closer to winter quarter will be one centralized website for all of these spaces
 - Tents
 - One south of the midway for dining
 - Quad club tents for dining
 - Others will be for studying

- Rep Reports [GC Reps]
 - Humanities
 - Students are having difficulty finding healthcare providers
 - Dean has pushed for earlier stipend releases for students
 - Since the new funding structure there was some confusion in paying graduate students, often students were not being paid for extra teaching
 - Concern expressed that 2k child care stipend is too low
 - Federal funds for COVID expenses required FASFA submission which left a lot of people ineligible for funds
 - Booth
 - Classes are wrapping up this week with classes ending the weekend after thanksgiving
 - Lots of events happening
 - Boothgiving, Halloween Contest, LPF Net-Impact
 - Created a new COVID committee
 - Encouraging more complaint behaviour
 - BSD
 - Programming - virtual happy/coffee hours
 - Volunteers sent to food depository
 - Divinity
 - Trying to figure out how to use funding creatively
 - Well funded support grants
 - Graham
 - No updates
 - Harris
 - We just had a retreat (Gathering of all HSG members)
 - Concerned about battling zoom fatigue
 - Working on updating accommodation requests for zoom
 - Law
 - LSA has been providing lots of virtual parties
 - Max was elected to serve as the student Ombudsman
 - PME
 - Study spaces and eating spaces have been opened in our buildings
 - We just started our first year of masters students
 - Pritzker
 - No in person events happening for student organizations
 - Residency applications just went out for M4s and thus there is increased need for space for those interviews
 - M2s are getting additional support for test prep at least for this year
 - PSD

- We are about to have elections for our new social committee
 - SSA
 - We prioritized first year students having in-person classes
 - A number of amazing virtual events, including special speakers
 - Just did our call for new cohort reps
 - SSD
 - Working on mentorship program
 - Loving the Diva cup program, thanks Nikita!
- Exec Reports [GC Execs]
 - Max - Exec
 - No updates
 - Julia - Marketing
 - Two people dedicated to website so reach out with ideas!
 - Sofia - CC Liaison
 - CC passed a resolution pressuring administration to move to a pass/fail policy for all divisions
 - Taylor - Social Events
 - Events coming up look out for an email!
 - Friendsgiving with international house
 - Alex - Community Initiatives
 - Weekly thursday events, would love help advertising
 - Actively seeking more awesome event ideas
 - Working on more ongoing events for next quarter
 - Nikita - Health & Wellness
 - Diva cups are almost done being distributed
 - Radhika - D& I
 - Course evals and inclusive pedagogy workshops
 - Ideas/feedback form
 - Culture Spotlight
 - Graduate student D&I toolkit
 - Distributing anti-racist books
 - Juneteenth full-day event and "Do the Work" campaign
 - Will - Research and Personal Development
 - We've approved 5 requests so far
 - Aabir - Academic & Professional fund
 - Not many applications coming in, would like help marketing
 - Love creative ways to use this funding
 - Kyle - Culture, Social & Wellness and COVID Committee
 - Approved 3 applications
 - Mental Health Awareness week partnerships went really well



- SPS Update [Steven]
 - Fall Quarter SPS Meeting
 - GC Members: Steven, Kim, Max
 - Trustees: John Liew, Mike Klingensmith, Greg Wendt
 - Topic: the virtual learning experience and its lasting effects
 - Sense of safety on campus
 - Community-building during remote learning
 - Students being remote by choice?
 - Career support and general resource offerings
 - Detailed summary will be posted to the website
- Presidential Search Update [K/R/S]
 - Historically there has been no input from students or staff
 - Faculty Advisory Committee involved in search reached out to GC Slate to hear about our perspectives about UChicago student experience
 - Questions asked to GC Slate from Search Advisory:
 - What are our future hopes for the University?
 - What are the opportunities and challenges facing higher education in the University?
 - What are the most important qualities to seek in the next president?
- Graduate Course Evaluation Project [Radhika/K/R/S]
 - With recent transition of College to new software application for streamlining course evaluation, grad division s have opportunity to look into evaluating grad-level courses in standardized system
 - Need is threefold
 - Allow student opportunity to provide feedback
 - Give instructors one avenue for learning about their teaching
 - Provide input of divisions as part of our evaluative review duties
 - Radhika Santhanagopalan selected by Provost's Office as GC representative
- Marketing Assistance for COVID Survey - Due Thursday [All]
 - Last week all graduates received an email
 - Please fill out the survey before TOMORROW November, 17th
 - Survey used by UChicago GC and Provost office
- Crowdsourcing: Thoughts on Buildings to Convert for Student Spaces [All]
 - Basketball & Tennis courts?
 - Used for working out and athletes
 - Logan Center
 - No-Show Rates
 - Hopefully moving to 3 strike system
 - Harper Reading Room
 - Been repurposed as student classrooms



- Mandel Hall
- International House
- Underutilized Church space
- Question: How long are these arrangements for?
- New Business

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