



GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 4:45 pm - 7 pm

Meeting Held Virtually

1. President Aditi Doshi called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2. Welcome

- a. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - i. 1st Motion – Mehrdad Zandigohar
 - ii. 2nd Motion – Phillip Cabeen
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. Yes: 38
 - 2. No: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 1

3. President Report

- a. Happy New Year!
- b. Bad Weather
 - i. Since our January Meeting was moved to a Virtual Platform our food for the meeting has been donated to the UIC Wellness Center.
- c. UIC Senate Updates
 - i. UIC Authorship Committee
 - 1. This committee reviews the need and develops appropriate research and scholarly authorship policies and/or guidelines.
 - 2. A first draft has just been developed and is currently under review.
- d. Campus Care Gap Assessment Committee Updates
 - i. There is an upcoming meeting to discuss the creation of a population health-based assessment distribute to the students at UIC.

4. Guest Speaker Sarah Baum – Director of the Student Legal Services (SLS)

- a. Who They Are
 - i. Sarah Baum
 - 1. Director
 - 2. Attorney Licensed in Illinois
 - 3. Full-time
 - ii. Lindsay Ditto
 - 1. Assistant Legal Counsel
 - 2. Attorney Licensed in Illinois
 - 3. Part-time
 - iii. Mission of SLS
 - 1. SLS serves as **a voice for students** to address their legal needs and facilitates problem solving and conflict resolution.
 - 2. SLS helps students **achieve their educational goals** when legal problems threaten to push them off track.
 - 3. SLS provides each student-client **individualized legal advice, counseling and recommendations.**

4. SLS **assists each student-client holistically**, with sensitivity to their unique needs, including each student-client's individual cultural, social, religious and ethical values.

b. What They Do

- i. Advice – educate and help students understand their legal rights, along with the whole legal system.
- ii. Limited Scope Representation – help resolve disputes, prepare legal documents and advocate for students.
- iii. Referrals – direct students to self-help resources and offer referrals for attorneys.

c. Practice Areas:

- i. Housing – evictions, lease reviews, security deposits, roommate agreements.
- ii. Immigration – visas, DACA and DREAMers, green cards, citizenship.
- iii. Criminal & Traffic – tickets, misdemeanor charges, city ordinance violations, record expungements.
- iv. Family & Safety – Divorce, custody, child support and orders of protection.
- v. Money & Debt – Dealing with debt, identity theft, fraud/scams, and credit reports.
- vi. Employment & Business – Discrimination, contract review, unemployment benefits, wage and hour disputes.
- vii. Health & Basic Needs – Health care, insurance, public benefits, advance directives.
- viii. Personal Injury – Bodily injury, property damage, product liability, and emotional distress.
- ix. Other – jury duty, civil rights, and education.
- x. Limitation – SLS cannot advise or represent against another UIC student, the University, or the state of Illinois.
 1. SLS does not take cases for full representation or represent students in court.

d. Free service offered to any currently enrolled UIC student.

- i. All visits are confidential from university offices, family, and significant others.

e. Make an Appointment today:

- i. Website: sls.uic.edu
- ii. Phone: 312-413-8052
- iii. Email: studentlegalservices@uic.edu

5. **Vice President Report**

a. Upcoming Events for Spring 2024:

- i. **Professional Headshots: January 29th and 30th**
- ii. Painting and Relaxation: February (TBD)
- iii. Personal Statement Writing Event with Lindsay Marshall
 1. March 28th, 5:30 pm
 2. Help with Biosketch and Cover letter.
- iv. LinkedIn workshop with Propel Careers: April 10th, 5:30 pm

- v. Teaching Statement writing workshop with UIC CATE (TBD)
- vi. Career Development workshop with Theresa Christenson- Caballero (TBD)
- vii. Mental Health Awareness?
- viii. Ideas?

6. Treasurer Report

- a. GSC divides the academic year into four quarters. The total number of travel awards are divided equally among the four quarters. For each quarter, the awards are granted on a first-come first serve basis. The quarters are:
 - i. Quarter – 1: May 01st – July 31st
 - ii. Quarter – 2: August 01st – October 31st
 - iii. Quarter – 3: November 01st – January 31st
 - iv. Quarter – 4: February 01st – April 30th
- b. Award Reminders:
 - i. The travel award amount is \$500.
 - ii. The conference award amount is \$250.
 - iii. Please remember to send your complete application packet to gscawards@gmail.com. Filling out the form at the bottom of the awards page on the website, is not enough.

7. Secretary Report

- a. Congratulations to our raffle winner, Rudri Purohit! If you want to be entered into our monthly raffle, CC Secretary Sydney DeJonge (sdejon3@uic.edu) when you forward your Meeting Minutes within ONE week of them being sent out.
- b. General Body Attendance Reminders
 - i. As a representative of GSC you are to attend 3 of the 4 meetings per semester.
 - ii. If you do not attend the required amount of meetings your **department will be INELIGIBLE for travel and conference awards.**
 - iii. Please reach out to Sydney DeJonge if you are concerned about your department's attendance.

8. President Aditi Doshi Adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

- a. 1st Motion – Ariel Kidwell
- b. 2nd Motion – Zack Martin