Harry Gardner

As a college council representative for the Class of 2022, I have worked on several key projects that have yielded positive results such as the expansion of maroon dollars to combat food insecurity and helping constitutional reform to create a student government more effective at translating student input into action. If elected again to be your representative, I would continue to advocate for student interests and work with my colleagues to ensure that student government does what it can to help students as they need. In terms of tangibles, this would be (1) increased transparency on University of Chicago’s carbon emissions, and particularly by building information, (2) the successful drafting and implementation of a new constitution and bylaws (if the referendum on the ballot passes and the College Council of next year is in agreement).

My third priority is to hear more from students in the Class of 2022 about problem this year and next year poses, and how student government can help. Next year will be a transition, to an in-person academic year and to a new system of undergraduate governance, but this transition presents new opportunities for the improvement of student wellbeing through student government. I hope I get the chance to be there to take that opportunity with you all.

Juan Fuentes

This past year of serving as the representative of has been filled with complete surprises, it was not what I expected. Along the way, I learned how to navigate the bureaucratic, albeit necessary, landscape of University Administration and Student Government, developed the ability of cultivating connections with administration, and gained skills to write effective resolutions, brainstorm efficiently on a plethora of topics, and comprise between conflicting parties to help the student body. If I run again, it is because I think I can continue effectively serving the student body and be an asset. Given re-election I will focus my efforts on: Greek Life recognition for accountability, continue working on UChicago wide events Calendar including RSO (to premiere this fall), improve style and method of CC communication based on student input, hold meetings with the student body to brainstorm current initiatives and to communicate ideas both to and from, and everything that springs up randomly demanding attention.

Allen Abbott

Hello there! I’m Allen and I’m running for my second term on College Council! I never imagined running for SG; last election, I only got two write-in votes. But since joining, I’ve seen the promise of an effective SG. This year, I co-wrote over 8 resolutions, built the College Council website, wrote dozens of public statements, and created the Transition Committee to initiate the first reorganization of SG since the early 2000s. I’ve worked with student organizers, SG members, and the administration to do the following:

- Expanded the Maroon Dollars program and made dining services more accessible to food-insecure students, with Harry ('22), Summer ('23), Natalie ('22), and John ('22).
- Led the Pass/Fail initiative with Julia ('24) and Naa ('21), where we got opt-in P/F grading policies for over 70% of college students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pushing against the new 9-week calendar, with Naa ('21), Julia ('24), and Natalie ('22).
- Facilitated COVID-19 testing for Election Day voters and workers.
Working with Tyler ('23) and Bianca ('23) to establish a Vaccine Accessibility Fund to reimburse students who had to travel for their COVID-19 vaccine.

Improved the Metcalf program and assisted the Phoenix Sustainability Initiative to create the Green Careers program.

Worked with Naa ('21) and Nikki ('24) to increase transparency surrounding the UCAIR reporting system for Health Pact violations.

I care about getting student advocates a seat at the table, developing the resources for a thriving SG over time, and getting stuff done. If you reelect me, I will build on CC’s work this year to:

• Replace the 9-week academic calendar with a new, student-friendly structure.
• Bring back the Student Bill of Rights, agreed to by the administration in 1950, to set University-wide standards for involving students in administrative decision-making.
• Finish leading the transition to a new SG that is more effective, inclusive, and robust. I will also continue my work as Historian to create the first digital SG archive.

Thomas Okun

I don't believe there is very strong competition for these positions, so this will probably be irrelevant, but I suppose I should go over why I'm running for college council. To my understanding, college council is dominated by apathetic persons there to boost their resumes and left-wing activist types. Now, this is all well and good, but I don't think either of these groups really represent my beliefs or are liable to act on behalf of my interests, or those of much of the student body. As a result, I thought I might try and get involved and see if I can do something useful for the community. I'm generally considered a pretty thoughtful and competent person, and I'll try to embody these virtues to the extent that I am able to in the position. I don't really have a party or a platform, so I guess I'll have to leave it at that, although I'm not really sure why anyone who doesn't know me would vote for me (but I don't know why anyone would be on the student government website, and I only need 3 votes anyway, so I suppose its a moot point).

Justin Smith

Hi plz vote thx ;)

Isabel O’Malley-Krohn

Hello! I'm Isabel. I am majoring in Biology and Comparative Human Development (and minoring in French). I enjoy playing pickup games of just about anything – soccer, cards, life – which has been fun as the weather has been warming up! Enough about me, let's talk about campus life. On college council, I am interested in creating opportunities for more campus events (think hot chocolate night, but it works). In my research methods class, I recently learned what we all know: COVID hit hard, especially for keeping in touch with acquaintances. I want to find ways to get back some of the random UChicago fun that we were all promised in the college fliers. On another note, during my tenure on College council, I would focus on ways to integrate other parts of my experience at
UChicago. Having served on the Student Advisory Board for the Office of Sexual Misconduct, I have a vested interest in examining how the Council and other on-campus groups can work to raise awareness about sexual health and sexual assault. Additionally, I believe College Council has a role in contributing to campus sustainability efforts and, if elected, I will invest time in finding solutions. If you reached this sentence, thank you so much for reading! Please vote (for me)!!

Alex Vinarov

Hello! My name is Alex and I am seeking your vote to be a Class of 2022 Representative on the College Council. For a little bit about me, I am majoring in Environmental Science and minoring in French. On campus, I do Model UN (both MUNUC and ChoMUN) and I am on the travel team for UChicago Club Tennis. I also lived on campus for two years and loved being involved in house culture (Flint House best house!). I want to run for Class Representative for a couple of reasons. Primarily, I want to get involved and continue to build on all the positive actions that the College Council has undertaken this past year. They have done a great job working for students, such as pushing for pass/fail options and repeatedly meeting with the administration to advocate on our behalf. In my personal area of interest, I would like to see the great work that the College Council has done regarding sustainability continued and expanded upon, such as their partnering with RSOs and pushing for campus-wide climate action. Feel free to reach out to talk and ask any questions. Thanks and don’t forget to vote!