Final General Body Meeting

Updates

- No Exec Updates
- No Rep Updates

Divisional Rep Elections

- Interest form is due May 17, and eligible candidates will be sent out on May 20
- Voting will be open through May 24
- Law, Booth, and Crown Reps have been selected
- Booth – suggesting a two-meeting overlap for old and new Reps to foster continuity
  - If only the last meeting is overlapped, it is not very representative of what a typical meeting looks like
  - Terrius – will move up the elections to begin in the first/second week of the Spring quarter, allowing new Reps to attend April and May meetings if they choose

Student Awards Ceremony

- Terrius will update about the ceremony towards the end of the week
- Reminder: vote for GC Rep of the Year and Exec Member of the Year
  - Voting closes at 9 PM tomorrow (May 16, 2024)

Constitutional Vote

- May 17 – Constitution will be sent to Reps via email
- May 17-23 – will be the reading period, and all edits should be sent to Terrius
- May 24-27 – virtual vote on Constitution by GC Reps
- May 27, 12 PM – voting portal closes
- May 27, 5 PM – voting results released
- May 28 – Terrius, Liv, and Conner will virtually sign the document and if the Constitution passes, it will be posted on our website for others to view
- May 31 – Terrius & Liv’s last day as Co-Presidents

Presidential Vote

- Anna & Connor – unanimously approved as Co-Presidents by GC Rep Vote
- Platform presentation
  - Student life
    - Revive student life for post-COVID UChicago
      - Promote engagement between divisions, especially at the engagement and leadership levels
      - Bridge College life to graduate life


- Draw Graduate attention to University of Chicago traditions and campus culture
  - Support Grad Council Reps in spreading awareness
    - Expanding the role to include communication and promotion responsibilities backed by Graduate Council Logistics
  - Smaller, community-building events to build relationships to the entire council

- Promoting student opportunities
  - GC Fund allocation
    - Working model: 50/50 allocation per quarter
  - Establishing the role of GC in finding opportunities
    - Teasing out the mission and purpose of these funds
  - Increase awareness of Graduate Council
    - Better top-down awareness for the Reps so they are aware and in tune of the funds
    - Relying on GGW, social media, etc. while increasing GC presence on campus
  - More formal and informal GC events

- GC fine-tuning
  - Quick turnaround for recruitment
    - Fill some of the Board in the Summer, then complete in the Fall
      - Advertise early
    - Recruiting enthusiastic students for the Council that have realistic expectations and understanding of the responsibilities and opportunities that come with the role
      - Increased support and increased responsibilities
  - Promote community within GC
    - In-person meetings and social events
    - Connect members of the Exec and Rep. branches

- Question: How will first-years be included?
  - Some exec board positions will be open to first-year students, and there will be first-year Rep seats that are agnostic to Divisional affiliation.

- Question: Can you dive a little more into the idea of recruitment?
  - Do an orientation week for Grad Council to build community and connection both between the members and the larger student body. It’s a priority to do more events and team building within the Council, specifically. Recruit people with the expectation that they will be involved in the Council at a social level, too.

- Connor – please share feedback and ideas, they are excited to learn and implement.

Adjourn!