Outdoor events with <10 people, picnic with individually packaged food, eaten socially-distanced: as long as it fits with city ordinances, it should be fine. Distanced events with small numbers of people also should be fine. (e.g., tickets to Zoo Lights for a group of <10… BUT the rules are constantly changing!! So watch out for that.) Any events with alcohol on campus still need to go through the usual approval via Student Life.

- Diane Hall (Student Life Fee Presentation)  
Pooled as a revenue source for campus’s student life offices (CSL), which then allocate to student groups. Incl Grad Council, offices such as Dean of Students & Bursar’s office; part of what is left over goes to student activities. For the past couple of years, it’s been a lump sum allocation rather than per-student. This year is 7700 a quarter - roughly 50% of previous years.  
-- Takeaway for us: It’s not actually a direct relationship between student life fee and student group funding…. The student life offices have other sources of revenue and have other expenditures/places to send money to than just student groups.  
-- Diane will look into an infographic from CSL to help explain where student life fees go (in total) & where Dean’s Council gets its money.

- Introductions: name, year, department, board position (if applicable) - Anyone not on the listserv?  
- Welcome new members!  
  - Co-Treasurer: Rosy Liao  
  - Cultural Co-Chair: Sarah Paracha  
  - Website Manager: Astra Hwang  
  - Newsletter Manager: Sandra McClure  
  - GC Rep: Sophia Horigan  
  - New members: Eric Rouviere, Hannah Farrell, Sarah Paracha, Josephine Tang, Mira Liu, Olivia Lutz, Jelena Scepanovic, Stella Hartmann, Emily Higgs, Augusta Broughton, Ross Rad

- Updated the DC listserv  
  - If you are interested in transitioning out of your role as a representative, please let us know so we can find a replacement  
  - Member list is on website: https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/  

- Dean’s Council Google Drive Folder  
  - We would like to move everything to this folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12r9A6xO1Iia1oMeEOZ74OkQnqQhzWluX
Bylaw Amendments Vote
The changes are in red here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/11_Dn8BRR58QewHQtLP5jPz7OILJAlMi-gnLg9_13RF8/edit
All of the changes are things that we’ve already done -- e.g., non-Dean’s Council members holding event chair positions, amending the funding guidelines in extreme case (COVID19) (Or else are changes to grammar--not marked in red)
Bylaw amendments passes by a majority of members present.

GRIT funding request vote?
Grit requested budget passes.
Amount will be set aside for the year with no quarterly restrictions on when to spend it

Volunteering at the Chicago Food Depository for Autumn Quarter
Will be starting up again - there are some left-over supplies from earlier in the year when it first ran

BSD Orientation Game Night Debrief - how did it go?
Seemed to be successful - switched from running pictionary over zoom to using skribbl.io website while chatting over zoom.
Not many people in casual chat room, but it was a good discussion anyway

Meytal & Rosy - Treasury Update
There’s a link to the current budget doc here:
https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/current-budgets/
Will update it towards the beginning of every month with the previous month’s spending.

Jimmy - GRIT representative
Two upcoming events: Trivia Night for the Culture (Oct 15) & National Coming Out Day Seminar (Oct 16; Dr. Lauren Esposito, 500 queer scientists founder)

Jin and Martin - Coffee hour (virtual)
25 vouchers from Starbucks for first coffee hour -- distributed all of them over an hour on Monday. A few people wanted some but got there late. 28 or 30 vouchers for next time? -- might be kind of unwieldy to have a coordinated coffee hour over zoom - everyone would need to get their coffee at the same time.

Brittany & Sarah - Cultural Co-Chairs
Couple of questions:
What is the budget & how many events are we planning for? (We usually decided this per event -- Cultural Chairs propose the events, cost per ticket, & we would vote on whether & how many tickets to buy, then how much to sell them for.)
Looking at events online (video events, live streams, etc.) - are outside events allowed?? (e.g. ice skating - an hour at Maggie Daley is $40)
● Devin - Travel Fund
  Will be running applications this quarter. Application will go out in the next week - will cover registration fees for virtual conferences.

● Soo Ji - Equipment Library
  Open to start renting equipment again starting next week (Oct 12)! There’s a link to the wordpress site on the BSD Dean’s Council website.

● Sandra - Newsletter
  Plan is just to add everything into the email (including announcements, representative updates, meeting minutes, etc.) and send to all BSD students each month. To give a clearer picture to other students of what’s going on with DC.

● Astra - Website (not present)
  https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd

● Alexis and Sophia - GC
  Grad Council travel fund will also open up again. Can be used for conferences, professional development -- still need to finalize the rules on it, but they’ll send out some guidelines soon.
  They’re currently soliciting representatives for various Grad Council committees. (See Alexis & Sophia’s email -- more detailed description in the email about what each committee does.)

● Sports Chair: Open position available

● Community Service Chair: Open position available
  (NOTE: as of the updated bylaws vote, non-DC-members can serve as these events chairs!)

● Program representative updates (how is your program doing/any ideas for activities/anything that DC can help with?)
  Neuro programs: had a small socially-distanced picnic where some of the incoming first-years showed up; also held a panel with senior students to answer questions about stuff like doing rotations during COVID, classes, picking mentors, etc.
  Metabolism - had a breakfast over zoom with the incoming first years & give them some advice, talk about doing rotations
  CMB - upperclassmen have signed up to be paired mentors with the incoming first-years; they had a panel where the mentors and incoming students met.
  Vicky: at least 7 programs have peer mentoring programs this year!
  Might be good to continue even after COVID - would have been nice for others of us to get that intro as first years…
  ISTP & Med students are having a bonfire at the end of anatomy course for the first year med students
  MPhys and Human Genetics have students-only Slack channels that have been good for coordinating events & casual chats