



11/10/2020, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: Senator Brist, Senator Valladares
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at 4:34 PM
- IV. Advisors' and Chaplain's Reports
 - A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 1. None at this time.
 - B. Advisor (**Dean Manzano/Rodriguez**)
 1. Dean Manzano stated that the Undergraduate Withdrawal Deadline has been extended to December 5th. The SGLC Survey is now active and will be open till November 20th.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. None at this time.
- VI. New Business & Discussion
 - A. Governance Committee
 1. Motion to create the Governance Committee consisting of 5 Senators approved at 4:37 PM.
 2. Motion to open the floor for nominations approved.
 3. Senator Caputo nominated Senator Bronec.
 - a. Senator Bronec accepted the nomination.
 4. Senator Rafiq nominated Senator Kwak
 - a. Senator Kwak accepted the nomination.
 5. Senator Doyle nominated Senator Riopedre.
 - a. Senator Riopedre accepted the nomination.
 6. Senator Doyle nominated Senator Palmer.
 - a. Senator Palmer accepted the nomination.
 7. Senator Bronec nominated Senator Cabral.
 - a. Senator Cabral accepted the nomination.
 8. Motion to close the floor for nominations approved.
 9. Senator Bronec, Senator Kwak, Senator Riopedre, Senator Palmer, and Senator Cabral gave their speeches.
 10. Questions
 - a. Senator Doyle asked if there is one issue or place in the Articles you would like to examine.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated she would like to look into our committee structure...
 - ii. Senator Kwak stated that she is not very familiar with the Articles as she is a new Senator. She is also interested in restructuring the committees.
 - iii. Senator Riopedre stated that she is also interested in restructuring the committees. She wants to learn more as well.
 - iv. Senator Palmer stated that he wants to reduce the redundancy in the Articles...
 - v. Senator Cabral stated that he is a new member and wants to become more familiar with it. The Articles are a living and breathing document...
 - b. Senator Cabral stated that as a former Governance member stated that he knows how the workload can be, can you add that work
 11. Motion to close the floor to non-SGLC members and candidates approved.
 12. Floor closed to all non-SGLC members and candidates.
 13. Floor opened to all non-SGLC members and candidates.

14. Motion to open the floor to non-SGLC members and candidates approved.
 15. Senator Bronec, Senator Kwak, Senator Riopedre, Senator Palmer, and Senator Cabral were appointed to the Governance Committee.
- B. Senator Robbins stated that a couple students were in a class and they felt that their professor was speaking in a way that made them uncomfortable. The professor was talking about China and there were students of Chinese descent in the class. The way the professor was talking about it was very anti-Chinese and felt racist. He was not in the class but was told to him. We should all keep in mind, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a lot of xenophobia going out. While many of us are thankful to live in communities that don't have a lot of it, it still exists, even at Loyola. We have an obligation to stand up to this and talk to those affected whether or not you're a person of color. Nothing will happen if we don't make change.
1. President Drescher stated that she also encourages everyone to utilize the reporting structure of the university. The two main ones for discrimination can go through the OEC or through CSAA (www.luc.edu/equity and www.luc.edu/csaa). They both use the same reporting structure. We have a responsibility to make sure other students know about these reporting structures.

VII. Internal Reports

A. Legislative Branch

1. Standing Committees

a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)

- i. Senator Palmer stated that everything was in the report.

b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)

- i. Senator Doyle stated that they had office hours last week. They had three requests for SBR last Friday. At the advice of Dean Rodriguez and Director of SAGA Marissa Lucchesi, they decided as a committee to push back the deadline for SBR to this Friday. Hearings will remain for this weekend. As of right now they have 18 requests. They are seeing some \$5,000 - \$6,000 requests. There will be a full report next week.
- ii. Speaker O'Brien stated that there was an appeal from Gamer Guild which did not meet grounds. They submitted an appeal stating that the Allocations Committee violated their procedural guidelines. However, upon reflecting, they declined a hearing. Furthermore, their event could not be funded through SPOT2 because it was a reoccurring event and SPOT can only fund one-time events.

c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Khan**)

- i. Senator Khan stated that everything is in the report. As far as looking forward, they will be looking at the information the survey can provide and meeting for their sustainability initiative.

d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)

- i. Senator Bronec stated the work with Justice is just getting started. There are so many opportunities, both remotely and across Chicago that everyone can take a part of. They also want to give a quick shoutout to Senator Harrison, Senator Nanda, ACO Esparza, and everyone else that worked with voter registration.

e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)

- i. Senator Caputo stated that Senator Brist has joined CCO Carfagno and Senator Bronec in the Rambler Alliance for Equity initiative. They are in contact with Brian Day who works with Athletics. Please tell everyone to take the Survey!

f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)

- i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report. Please push the Survey!

B. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)

1. CJ Mooney stated that they passed and signed the legislation this past week. Office hours will be changed from now to the end of the semester: Mondays 12:00 – 2:00 PM and Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30 PM. They are also available for appointments, so please feel free to reach out.

C. Executive Branch

1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores

- a. VP Flores stated registration starts for spring 2021 starts next week. For seniors, if you have to take a class during our Senate meeting time, take the class if it means that you will graduate. For those of you that can, please make the effort to schedule around Senate. For first years, he can be a resource since he is a PA.
- b. President Drescher stated that our survey went out. It was a pretty quick turnaround. Thank you to everyone who has helped out. Special thanks to Dean Manzano for helping as well. Many of our initiatives rely on student feedback. It goes a long way with administrators to show that we are pushing for this, but so are students on the ground. Please push that survey to any ground you have access to. If you can speak about it at class, please do so as well. In terms of reminders, there will be a reminder on Thursday, and then next Monday and Thursday.
- c. President Drescher stated that there was a lot of encouragement, especially from the Provost's Office and the Dean's Office, to offer election day as an asynchronous day or cancel classes. Some strong

encouragements went out for example from CAS. For documentation purposes, if any of you are in any other schools that sent out similar messaging, if you can send that to CoS Dervishi.

- d. VP Flores stated that they have a couple of upcoming meetings. They have their biweekly meeting with VP Neufeld on Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon they have a meeting with the Provost. They are also going to speak to Dr. Rooney on November 19th. Please feel to reach out if you have an ask for these meetings.
 - i. President Drescher stated that they will be discussing the recently passed legislation with Dr. Rooney.
 - e. VP Flores stated that with the Investment Policy Committee, the three IPC candidates will be interviewed this week. They will hopefully be notified with their decision by the end of the week.
 - f. President Drescher stated that in terms of getting election days off, she will be meeting with Senator Harrison this week to start working on legislation.
 - g. President Drescher stated that she wants to acknowledge that the work that you are doing in the midst of a pandemic. She wants to acknowledge that. It gets easy to be wrapped up in our academics and lose the progress that we do make. We are in it for the long haul. Take the time to acknowledge the wins as they come and reflect on them.
 - h. President Drescher stated that there is a SEARCH retreat coming up. They are still recruiting for folks. It is a good break and reflection time. It is at the beginning of the spring semester and it is free. President Drescher stated that she is also the talent at Agape Latte with a friend.
 - i. President Drescher stated that she wants to remind people to stay away from gendered language if you can. They may start pulling some people to the side to make some notes, not in a disciplinary way.
 - j. President Drescher stated that she wants to shoutout our Arrupe Liaison Camargo who is going to be a recipient of one of the President's Medallions.
2. Senator Riopedre stated that on behalf of CSO Hoyos, she wants to give a brief overview of sustainability initiatives. They have been going over the RSO Handbook together and seeing where there are areas that they can think about their impact on sustainability. They have met a couple of times. They are looking forward on continuing research and working on this. Some things they have been interested in is providing sustainable vendors and putting in some revisions in documentation for requests. If anyone is interested, please let them know.
 3. CoS Dervishi stated that Senator Riopedre gave the idea to host a virtual potluck. That will happen on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 PM. Thank you to all those who attended the AGAC/AGLC community building night.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM