

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



02/02/2021, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
 - B. All Present
1. Not Present: Senator Nanda
- II. Senators Akins, Senator Sethi, Senator Patel, and Senator Masroor were sworn in at 4:33 PM.
- III. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at 4:36 PM
- V. Advisors' Reports
 - A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 1. None at this time.
 - B. Advisor (**Dean Sheenan & Rodriguez**)
 1. Dean Rodriguez stated that at the last meeting that there was a reminder that we needed everyone's cooperation for the required health & safety practices. There have been a number of concerning reports of students not complying with the health safety practices to the point we are trying to figure out how to best address it. This will impact the most on the campus. This could possibly mostly impact those who are on campus and where we may have to go back to being remote. If you come across situations where people are not complying, please remind them.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. None at this time.
- VII. New Business & Discussion
 - A. Multicultural Fund (**CFO Bello**)
 1. CFO Bello stated that he wanted to talk about the Multicultural Fund. This goes back to several years ago when Allocations realized that there has been a big difference in where out funds go from the SAF. The big or frequent events like sororities and fraternities use most of the money. This year this idea has gotten taken off due to everything we have seen with social justice matters. They wanted to originally create a fund that was funded by different schools to promote different events. This would help inform students to show that we really care about them and have their interest at heart. We are currently in talks about where we want to take it. They are currently talking with different organization leaders about what they need. He wants senators to help to facilitate ideas and take it in a direction. This should be shaped by collaboration and not just a small group of students.
 - B. The Kettle Newsletter (**Senator Bronec**)
 1. Senator Bronec stated that at the Constituency Engagement Meeting Shannon Howes asked for feedback on the Kettle. They wanted a place where resources could be centralized. It is supposed to function more as an upper-classman newsletter like that of the first-year experience newsletter. She wanted to know how you felt about it, is the formatting clear, and if you feel like it is useful.
 2. Senator Schmidt stated that the 'Academic Dates to Remember' is very helpful.
 3. Senator Thilges stated that it would be clearer if everything was in one line instead of different boxes since she looks at it on her phone.
 4. Senator Pittman stated that it needs to be advertised more so that people would know what it is and be more likely to use it.
 5. Senator Doyle stated that it connects students to resources. It could also help students connect with each other wither through RSOs or tutoring/writing center.
 - C. Mental Health Screening (**Senator Cabral**)
 1. Senator Cabral stated that he wanted to give an update. After sitting down with Senator Rafiq, they concluded that the original idea was too ambitious in its scope for now and as such more difficult to tackle. They decided to take a different approach and bring the resources to the student for a matter of feasibility and simplicity. The current goal is to write legislation that will incorporate an online screening with the enrolment process that the Wellness Center already provides. This alternative could also work in tandem with Senator Nanda's Freshman Orientation/Reorientation initiative.
 - D. CoS Dervishi stated that Spring In-Service is this weekend. No one has been excused. If there are any conflicts you must let herself, President Drescher, and AG Burris know.
 - E. Senator Thilges stated that she wanted to work on student's access to LUREC when it is safe to do so. Let her know if this is something you are interested in.

- F. Senator Bronec stated that she was just shared this video on Covid testing protocol:
<https://youtu.be/AEi55zaXWUo>.

VIII. Internal Reports

A. Legislative Branch

1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that everything is in the report.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that they are between cycles. They had no appeals on SPOT 1. They are also starting some new initiatives on how to save more money in the SAF such as looking at the sound equipment.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Carberry**)
 - i. Senator Carberry stated that they are planning to meet as a group in the next week. Everything else is in the report.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that everything is in the report.
 - ii. Senator Mallory stated that she is also the Publicity Chair for BCC. Tomorrow they have are starting their Professionalism 101 series at 7:00 PM. On Thursday at 7:00 PM, they will be collaborating with the Black Alumni Board with part 2 of the series.
 - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated that she met with CHWO Siddiqui on mental health in residence halls. She will be submitting this for New Business next week.
 - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report.
2. Special Committees
 - a. Budget Committee (**Senator Riopedre**)
 - i. Senator Riopedre stated that they met today and talked about tabling funds, scholarships, and making sure we get everyone's input. Their next meeting is with CCO Carfagno.
 - b. Governance Committee (**Senator Kwak**)
 - i. Senator Kwak stated that they will be meeting on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. They will be meeting with CCO Carfagno this week.
 - c. Spring Elections Committee (**Chairperson Walsh**)
 - i. Senator Richards stated that they will be meeting bi-weekly. They are working on setting dates.

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

1. CJ Mooney stated that there is a lot of legislation in the work. Please come into office hours to ask questions or if you need any help.

C. Executive Branch

1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. VP Flores stated that want to highlight inservice and how much work as been put in. Please email President Drescher if you have any conflicts.
 - b. VP Flores stated that they met with the Office of the Provost and Executive Committee of the Faculty Council regarding the withdraw deadline. They were able to come in an express a continued extended deadline. They were able to have an honest conversation with anyone who had concerns about that.
 - c. VP Flores stated that the SGLC Survey Report. They are circulating a final draft among the draft leaders and try to distribute it to the rest of the organization by the end of the week. CJ Mooney and himself will also present on the qualitative data.
 - d. VP Flores stated that they do not have many meetings coming up before Spring Break. President Drescher, himself, and BoT Representative Morris will be meeting with the Advancement Department on Thursday morning on how we can better engage with alumni.
2. CoS Dervishi stated that in-service is on Saturday from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. There will be a 2-hour break and several intermediate breaks throughout the day. They have a Friday social event which will be a PowerPoint night. On Saturday following the inservice they will have a movie night, movie TBD. Just make sure you have the Netflix Party chrome extension. The Weekly Meet-Up program has launched, and she hopes that you are meeting up with whoever you are paired with. Senators, please continue to complete your engagement requirement. If you have any information that aids legislation, please let her know so that she can archive it.
3. AG Burris stated that it is getting near the end of the term and it is time to start thinking about transition documents. He has been working with President Drescher to make them more cohesive. In his personal folder, there is a folder named 'Transitions' where there are a lot of resources.
4. CEDIO Thomas stated that she wanted to share some reminders about Black History Month. There are many events happening across the university which can be found here: luc.edu/cbh. The Black Cultural Center is also putting on events. Reminder to find out the DEI form for the inservice:

<https://forms.gle/yWsfGzrxDpBWTPE8>. Please reach out to herself or CFO Bello about the multicultural fund.

5. Speaker O'Brien stated that she is hosting a legislation workshop next week. That link will be emailed out to everyone soon. If you are writing legislation, she expects to see you there. Please also see Judicial before your piece hits the floor.

IX. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM