

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



10/30/2019, 8:00 PM
SGLC Office (Damen 210), Lake Shore Campus
Executive Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 8:05 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: AG Barbieri, CFO Noriega, CSO DeBold, Arrupe College Liaison Villazana
- II. Check Ins
- III. Questions from Reports
 - A. VP Guerrero asked what the timeline is for the video.
 1. CCO Martinez stated that snippets will be released the week of November 11th and the full video will be released the week of November 18th. He will be contacting President Meis, VP Guerrero, and Speaker Drescher for the scripted version. He is hoping to start end of next week. He will also reach out to Speaker Drescher for having the production team come in during Senate to get some shots. He will also be reaching out to other Senators to see if they are willing to talk to some students in Damen and get some shots of that as well.
 2. Speaker Drescher stated that the Blood Drive is November 14th and tabling will be coming up as well.
 3. CoS Carfagno asked if they wanted SGLC events or campus wide events.
 4. CCO Martinez stated that it can be any event SGLC members are attending.
 - B. CoS Carfagno stated that he wants to push everyone to use the excel sheet for scheduling and be conscious of that.
 1. VP Guerrero stated that President Meis and himself have several meetings in the office and he put it on the excel sheet.
 2. CoS Carfagno stated that he will check it and put it on the SGLC calendar and print it out on Sundays.
 3. President Meis stated that if he cannot print it on Sundays let someone know so they can print it.
 4. CoS Carfagno stated that it is a public calendar so anyone can print it out which is pretty easy.
 - C. President Meis asked if there was anything that needed help with the bonding event.
 1. CoS Carfagno stated that he is thinking about it right before Thanksgiving and we still need to find a place. We can do it at someone's house or if we can find a restaurant that would be willing to host. He would like to do a holiday theme. He was thinking about doing it on a Sunday.
 2. VP Guerrero stated that he can send a pool through the minutes or Facebook.
 3. President Meis stated that he can put up Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights for the weekends. But it may be better to pick a place first.
- IV. Fall Survey (Speaker Drescher)
 - A. Speaker Drescher stated that they have been questioning having the Fall Survey this semester and wanted to ask what pros/cons to have the survey in the Fall vs. the Spring.
 - B. CCO Martinez stated that they have promoted to several people and organizations to look out of the Fall Survey and he had planned on putting it in the Newsletter.
 - C. Secretary Prag stated that during Senate Senator McAllister mentioned that he was going to reach out to SOAR about the Fall Survey. Other committees may have also reached out to other organizations.
 - D. CEDIO Thomas stated that there is only a month left for the semester. When she spoke to the Justice Committee, a lot of them were not sure where to even start with a Fall Survey question. People would like more time to think about things. VP Guerrero stated that he is planning on following up from the State of the Student Body Address and the email has not gone out yet. We could put a line in there saying that the survey has been pushed back and we can also put that in the newsletter.
 - E. CoS Carfagno stated that it could work to push it back strategically. At the same time, by the time we get the results it would be too late in the year to use the results or examine them. If we do it in the Spring, we would have to do it in the first couple weeks to get the results back.
 - F. CCO Martinez asked what the reason is for possibly pushing it.
 - G. President Meis stated that she brought this up to VP Guerrero and Speaker Drescher because Advisor Manzano asked for a rough draft by November 4th. She cannot say that any initiative other than ASPIRE is ready to go for this. She does not think we need to rush it. We can use the rest of this semester to keep working and know your

stuff to write your question. Then in the first couple weeks we can release the survey. It is also not a common time for a survey. Then use the Spring for legislation and follow-up meetings with administrators. We will have a student-centered event and the Spring Banquet. She also wants to work with whoever will chair Spring Elections. She has concerns with how early Spring elections was last year. Some things need to be planned out strategically, but she sees it doing more good than harm.

- H. Speaker Drescher stated that the focus is also looking to how rough transitions have been in the past. A Spring Survey can provide direction to anything we didn't cover this year and where to go from for the following year. In her time in SGLC, the Fall Survey has gotten lost, even over Winter Break.
 - I. President Meis stated that by Steering we will make a decision as a group.
 - J. CoS Carfagno asked what if we do something besides a Spring Survey, just thinking out loud. He does not generally take surveys seriously. He did not work much with last year's survey.
 - K. VP Guerrero stated that from a research perspective, there are certain initiatives where we can tailor conversations differently. A survey provides quantitative data. It is a different type of evidence that can be used for our arguments to the university.
 - L. Speaker Drescher stated that most of the conversations revolve around that data when talking to several offices on campus about initiatives.
- V. Allocations Changes (President Meis)
- A. President Meis stated that Senator Safakas and herself are working closely with SAGA about changing the funding process works. They are making small changes as we go along to make the system easier to use. There are several questions that they keep asking us: issues with allocations process, or issues with SAGA. It is something that will not be easy to gauge from a survey but in your conversations be listening for SAGA centered complaints.
 - B. Speaker Drescher stated that with her conversations the difference between SAGA, Allocations, and SGLC. So, driving the importance of the separation of the structure.
 - C. VP Guerrero stated that the system is not going to be sustainable because more organizations are asking for money that is not there. We will have to start making decisions on funding and up to the discretion of peers to what is worth having in the event. If there is an equitable way to ask of students to not overshoot the planning of events.
 - D. CCO Martinez stated that he has heard that they are not accessible or not willing to talk to RSOs.
 - E. President Meis stated that when you hear those concerns make a note that those were issues last year, but they have a new director, new staff, and office hours. Accessibility was a big concern.
 - F. CCO Martinez stated that Senator Safakas asked for a stamp to be made up. It would be used by SAGA and stamp the flyers for how they got funded.
 - G. Speaker Drescher stated that we should also convey it internally with how we fall within the university.
 - H. VP Guerrero stated that a concern is that if there is no consistency with where or how it gets funded.
 - I. CoS Carfagno stated that when everything gets funded, no one has any issues. We may need to talk to the university about expanding the fund with more students on campus and more organizations. As the advocates for the student body, in partnership with SAGA, we can call on the university to change this. There would be less problems this way.
 - J. President Meis stated that they mentioned it to VP Neufeld about increasing the fund.
 - K. President Meis asked if anyone is on MGC. SAGA is having focus groups throughout the semester to hear the semester. It would be nice to have an SGLC member and preferably people who also are part of MGC and SFL. It is on November 21st 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. It is just to be part of the student conversation and also taking account to what people are saying.
 - 1. ACO Nelson stated that she can go.
- VI. Professional Development (ACO Stefanic)
- A. ACO Stefanic stated that he has been working on some PD topics for the rest of the semester. Please take a look at them. There are some that benefit the organization and others that benefit the Executive Branch and leaders. We can do it at Senate or a simple workshop in the office. There is a transition workshop coming before the Spring Elections. End of April he was thinking of doing something to learn how to brand yourself as an SGLC member. For the Spring Banquet, he was thinking of a Dining Etiquette workshop. There are a lot of topics and give your thoughts for them. He also wanted Andy Kaufman to come and talk about project management in January.
 - B. ACO Nelson stated that for March we can do something about conversating with Admin.
 - C. CoS Carfagno stated that he would like to have how to put SGLC on your resume during the time there are interviews for summer internships, so it is fresh on people's minds. Some have already opened up in December and as late as March.
 - D. VP Guerrero stated that it can happen end of February.
 - E. CCO Martinez stated that some of the topics can also be mixed. The "Building a Lasting Relationship with Administrators" can connect to "Dining Etiquette".
 - F. ACO Nelson stated that it may be hard to do a cover letter or resume workshop because there are so man different majors that it can vary but maybe just do foundations.
 - G. CoS Carfagno stated that we can do some things like some basic things like what words to use, etc.
 - H. ACO Stefanic asked for some comments on the February topic, "Being a Role Model on Campus".

- I. President Meis stated that she thinks it would be a good idea. However, there will not be time for a December topic with finals. That one can happen in February instead.
 - J. Speaker Drescher stated that with March, Dr. Rooney is tentative for two weeks in March. She prefers a more structured presentation so if there is a way to tie that in as well.
 - K. ACO Stefanic stated that he will work on this some more, send out another email, and then work from there.
 - L. CCO Martinez asked if he has an idea for November or if he still needs any help.
 - M. ACO Stefanic stated that he was thinking between “Foundations of Leadership” or “Lasting Relationship between Administrators and Students”. He does have people in mind for both of them but does not know if it is necessary to prioritize one over the other.
 - N. CCO Martinez stated that since “Lasting Relationship between Administrators and Students” relates to “Dining Etiquette”, he can focus more on “Foundations of Leadership”.
 - O. CoS Carfagno with “Dining Etiquette” it can be more about Banquet etiquette. Under that you can talk about how to keep the conversation going.
 - P. VP Guerrero stated that the Spring Banquet is different in nature than the Fall Banquet since it is wrapping up the year. It is more celebratory. For November, he would like to see more about building relationships with administrators because they have to work on the organizational goals. They need the relationships to make the initiatives successful.
 - Q. ACO Stefanic stated that for the Executive topics he was thinking about inviting Dean Manzano or Dean Rodriguez to give some pointers about the topics during an Executive Branch meeting.
 - R. Speaker Drescher stated that unless we adjust our meeting time, she does not want to ask them to stay till 8:00 PM on a Wednesday night.
 - S. CoS Carfagno asked if he could find some literature to give to us even just putting a PowerPoint together. These topics would also be good for the Steering Committee.
- VII. Updates (President Meis)
- A. President Meis asked how the organization is doing approaching Thanksgiving Break and nearing the end of the semester. She is wondering if there are any ideas or ways people can think of to keep members motivated.
 - 1. CCO Martinez stated that more than half of the members are new. For many of them it may be uncomfortable to speak their mind.
 - 2. CoS Carfagno stated that something he did last semester is to do a mid-semester check-in to see how everyone is. It is just a meeting to sit down and talk. He found it helpful to air feelings out about the semester and how they felt.
 - 3. CCO Martinez stated that it is good to do the one-on-one check-ins with individual members.
 - 4. President Meis reminded everyone to be conscious of how many meetings to make available to people. We want to support them, but not add more on their plate.
 - 5. CoS Carfagno stated that he can just put it out there. Just give a general availability and make it optional to them.
 - 6. CEDIO Thomas stated that she is sensing some stagnation in terms of what people are working on and not moving forward with next steps.
 - 7. VP Guerrero asked where the stagnation is coming from.
 - 8. CEDIO Thomas stated that it is more understanding that there is always something to work on, it doesn't have to fall under what we specifically named in our organizational goals.
 - 9. President Meis stated that she has also been feeling that which is why she is encouraging people to have a goal every week and making sure that you are doing something different every week.
 - 10. CoS Carfagno stated that the action plans are also really important and helps keep people accountable.
 - B. Spring Inservice
 - 1. President Meis stated that the Spring Inservice is like the retreat, but on a smaller scale on campus for a few hours. There is not a date for it yet. Think about what trainings, workshops, or discussions that the organization needs. President, VP, Speaker, AG, and CoS is in charge of planning that and CEDIO Thomas can help as well.
 - C. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. President Meis stated that she wanted us to be informed of these meetings in case anyone would like anything on the agenda.
 - 2. President Meis, VP Guerrero, Speaker Drescher, and Senator Siddiqui are meeting with SRJ tomorrow.
 - 3. President Meis and VP Guerrero are meeting with CFO Magdziarz, VP Neufeld, Provost Callahan, and Alumni Relations next week.
 - 4. President Meis, VP Guerrero, and Speaker Drescher will be meeting with Arrupe next week.
 - D. Weekly goals
 - 1. President Meis stated that she encourages all of us to have weekly goals in the reports as well.
- VIII. Anything for the good of cause?
- A. President Meis stated that since Sophia resigned as Chief Justice, they will have to adjust the By-laws. Once they draft them, please sign them as soon as possible. There will be an Associate Justice position open as well as the position for Chief Sustainability Officer. The applications will be up on Sunday.

- B. ACO Nelson stated that they passed 800 followers on Instagram and almost past 2000 likes on Facebook. She also asked about what everyone thought about posing events that we do not have anything to do with. They get requests all the time and it gets confusing. It is hard to decide whether or not to post something.
 - 1. CCO Martinez stated that it gets difficult to choose whose things we post or don't post.
 - 2. ACO Nelson stated that we are not the only account they send it to. People are just trying to promote their things. We also do not know what impact we have.
 - 3. Speaker Drescher stated that something to consider is to take a break for now. When the stamp comes out, if we get sent something with the stamp on it, we can post that.
 - 4. ACO Nelson asked if there will be a virtual stamp.
 - 5. CCO Martinez stated that there will be a virtual one but Senator Safakas is hoping SAGA will get an actual stamp.
 - 6. ACO Nelson stated that we can have a Google Form for requests and then Monday morning have something for upcoming events.
 - 7. Speaker Drescher stated that since they are sending it out to multiple accounts, they are probably not monitoring our account specifically. So cut everything off right now and if anyone asks about it, say that this is a new policy we are trying out for our social media.

IX. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM