

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



09/15/2020, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
 - B. All Present
- II. Swear-In New Members
 - A. All new Senators sworn in at 4:37 PM.
- III. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at 4:38 PM
- V. Advisors' and Chaplain's Reports
 - A. Advisors
 1. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 - a. None at this time.
 2. Advisor (**Dean Manzano/Rodriguez**)
 - a. Dean Manzano stated that he was impressed with retreat and is looking forward to the year. The Higher Education Relief Grant still has funds available. The University is opening up a new application for students who may have incurred costs for the Fall semester due to disruptions of campus interruption with a starting date of July 1, 2020. It is an addendum to the original policy, please share it with your peers.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. None at this time.
- VII. New Business & Discussion
 - A. First-Year Election Results (**Senator Palmer**)
 1. Motion to approve First-Year Election results approved at 4:43 PM.
 2. Motion to dissolve Fall Elections Committee approved at 4:44 PM.
 - B. Re-Envisioning Loyola's Food System Presentation (**Senator Bronec & Senator Caputo**)
 1. Senator Bronec stated that their mission is to advocate for the community's need for a micro-food system within Loyola that benefits the students, workers, larger society, and the planet. They want to design an executable plan that aligns without Jesuit values of social and environmental justice. This vision is a Re-envisioned Loyola Food System that will be local, ethical, small scale, low waste, healthy, transparent, culturally relevant, and accessible.
 2. Senator Caputo is currently, many dining halls and the Grab and Go's on the Lake Shore Campus are contracted with Aramark. However, Water Tower Campus, Arrupe College, and the Health Sciences campus area all contracted with Hand Cut which is a small-scale Chicago-based food provider that responsibly and sustainably sources from Midwestern farms and providers.
 3. Senator Bronec stated that Aramark is one of the largest institutional food providers in the United States. In 2018, their revenues totaled over \$14.6 billion. The company was also listed as the 27th largest employer on the Fortune 500. They are invested in the Prison Industrial Complex which is defined as the overlapping interests of government and history that uses surveillance, policing, and imprisonment as economic, social, and political problems. Important to note that the Prison Industrial Complex disproportionately affects black and brown communities in the US. Aramark is also known to have several food safety violation scandals and workers' rights scandals including foreign objects in food and breach of contract. Aramark also procures from unethical food providers such as Purdue.
 4. Senator Bronec stated that they have a partnership with Students for Food Sovereignty (SFS). They have done a great amount of research, met with them weekly, and are a great group of students.
 5. Senator Caputo stated that within SGLC, they have a two-part solution with two pieces of legislation. The first being Separate from Food Providers Invested in the Prison Industrial Complex Resolution. The second being Invest in Ethical and Sustainable Food Providers Resolution.
 6. Senator Caputo stated that the first piece of legislation will go into Loyola's Jesuit Values and how our current contract with Aramark contradicts those values. They also reference Loyola's Strategic Plan 2020 and go in depth into Aramark's involvement with the Prison Industrial Complex, note instances of malpractice at Aramark including instances that Aramark has had at Loyola's campus, and finally they are calling upon the University to divest from the Big Three Food Providers.
 7. Senator Bronec stated that their second piece of legislation will go into Loyola's Anchor Mission, other University's precedent and an in-house solution. We want to be rooted in our initiative's vision. They also

want to be partnered with our coalition which would include students from different organizations, RSOs, faculty, and staff. Their end goal is to call on the University to be more Authentic in their goal of sustainability.

8. Senator Bronec stated that there have been a few roadblocks that they have faced throughout this process. The online format had impacted the way we do things from day to day with how we engage and get feedback. We have to be more intentional. With the Coalition, they want to create a coalition with student groups but want to make sure we all have the same goal. Also, Aramark has a private contract with Loyola so the we cannot access the intimacies of that contract.
9. Senator Caputo stated that for their timeline, they will be having an open house and Q/A tomorrow. The first legislation will be presented on September 29th and the second legislation will be presented on October 20th. She would also like to note that SFS is also working on a proposal similar to legislation we are writing. They don't have a date but keep an eye out for it.
10. Senator Bronec stated that SFS are helping us with the research for this legislation. She stated that everyone can get involved in this. Please assist in the editing process with the legislation. Also, with the Coalition building, a lot of senators have great connections. Using your network will be amazing. Intentionally co—sign the legislation, we want you to read through the legislation.
11. Questions
 - a. Senator Richards asked if Arrupe College has been contacted and what their concerns are.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that because Arrupe College is connected with Hand Cut, we have not formally reached out. If that is something, we deem necessary, they will follow through.
 - b. Senator Iqbal asked if they have identified a list of organizations they want to connect with.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that SFS does have a list of groups regional and local.
 - ii. Senator Iqbal asked how long has SFS been established and how many members there are.
 - iii. Senator Bronec stated that they started this summer and have just 7 members. They are not an RSO, but they have leaned on them for research.
 - c. Senator Brist asked that due to many Loyola students have dietary restrictions and allergies, will this legislation guarantee that they will have options.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that a part of the second piece of the legislation is investing in a food system that it will be accessible to everyone.
 - d. Senator Mallory asked if the price range would still be accessible for meal plans.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that the initial investment will be more. No one is an expert with the financials. From her understanding, it will be pricier at the beginning but over time it will go down.
 - e. CFO Bello asked who the stake holders are and who are the ones we are making asks to.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that there is a group of administration that we will be calling on within this piece of legislation.
 - f. Senator Robbins asked how would this legislation get administration to cut ties with Aramark.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that we advise and lobby with our legislation.
 - ii. VP Flores stated that the legislation is so that the student body can speak with one voice. This is on the minds with a lot of students, so we have to make sure this legislation crosses a lot of desks.
 - g. Senator Pittman asked about if there was a timeline for when it will be implemented.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that they will be talking about implementation tomorrow. There is no timeline per say with this initiative. They are just planting the seed for this to happen in the future.
 - ii. CSO Hoyos stated that this will benefit everyone in the community at large. She wants to hear from students tomorrow at the open house. It will be a long-term collaborative.
 - iii. President Drescher stated that in regard to when admin will see this, VP Flores and her have mentioned this to various administration that it pertains to and they will be bringing the legislation into whatever spaces they can as well.
 - iv. Senator Pittman asked how long the legislation is with Aramark.
 - v. President Drescher stated that there are now 10 years left. With planting this seed for the long term, we don't want to delay conversations because when we do it will be time to contract.
 - h. CFO Bello asked if we can also take the legislation to the smaller subcontracts that Loyola gives to Aramark.
 - i. Senator Caputo stated that makes a great point.
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that Aramark also charges full price catering for student organizations and they have trouble funding that.
 - i. Senator Caputo stated thank you for that point.
 - j. Senator Robbins stated that if we were to sign and pass legislation, if we felt that administration did not hear us out, what further steps can we take.

- i. Senator Bronec stated that as students we are only here for a certain amount of time and we have to figure out new pathways.
- ii. President Drescher stated that something doesn't go at the first go. That is why it is so important that we archive and partner with orgs and support in other avenues.
- k. CCO Carfagno asked about certain spaces on campus that are Aramark only catering, have they thought about reaching out to student run businesses on campus to partner with them.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that is a great idea. When we are talking about coalition building that is what we are talking about.

VIII. Internal Reports

A. Legislative Branch

- 1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that there is not much to report. Since there are now people in the committee. They will be going over projects and ideas.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that hearings for SPOT 1 are Saturday. They have gotten 25 submissions. They are trying to be flexible with RSOs due to policy changes.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Khan**)
 - i. Senator Khan stated everything is in the report. Please reach out for any questions.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
 - i. Senator Bronec stated thank you for the engagement throughout the presentation. Everything is in the report.
 - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated thank you for all of the questions. They will be having their first committee meeting to discuss new initiatives.
 - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that they have 2 pieces of legislation. The Wellness Center Virtual Conference is on October 7th.
- 2. Special Committees
 - a. Fall Elections Committee (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that they had a successful election cycle. 35% of First-Years voted.

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

- 1. CJ Mooney stated that they have been focused on the retreat and have created opinions on the legislation presented during Mock Senate. We are having office hours this week or by appointment.

C. Executive Branch

- 1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. VP Flores stated that he appreciates all of the work done by the Fall Retreat Committee members and the energy from everyone as well. Welcome to all the new members. He stated that CoS Dervishi and himself will be compiling the resources in the SharePoint. Also, please complete the DEI module if you have not already.
 - b. President Drescher stated that if you were not able to make a part of the retreat, please look at the presentations. We will have future conversations as well and there will be opportunities for community building as well.
 - c. President Drescher stated that VP Flores and herself presented to the Student Development and Success Committee. As well, themselves and CSO Hoyos presented to the Investment Committee. They are recruiting for a student to sit on that committee by the end of the year.
 - d. VP Flores stated that there are various opportunities within our organization. We have a vacancy for Attorney General. They are also looking for someone to sit on the Shared Governance Taskforce. They are also looking for a couple of seniors to sit on the Senior Gift Committee.
 - e. President Drescher stated that someone from Advancement will be coming next week to present.
 - f. President Drescher stated that OurStreets LUC has a number of demands listed on their website. She held off on signing awaiting clarification. She wanted to make sure that our signing on is not a formal sponsorship of the protests. There was an incident years ago where Student Government sponsored the protests so when some protesters violated the Student Code of Conduct, which led to the entire organization and members underwent disciplinary action. She got clarification that we would not be formally sponsoring the protests if she signs onto the demands.
 - g. President Drescher stated that there is a circulation of a resignation letter from a member of the Undergraduate Admissions Office. They have been in contact with the Black Cultural Center since they have known that letter to exist. They have communicated with some administrators with regards to their concerns on that as an organization. We are not lost the connection between the success of black staff and faculty and the support that they receive and the success of black students. Being that black staff and faculty are often referred to to be one of the sole resources for black students on

campus. The Undergraduate Admissions Office is a gatekeeper to our University and Ramblers to the coming years. It is also an office that houses student workers. In the next couple of days, she will be crafting a statement with the Black Cultural Center in order to put out to the community articulating that connection.

- h. President Drescher stated that she is making a request and an encouragement to vote. There is a pledge to vote campaign and we are ranked 18th in the country. She will say that not all universities are listed there.
 - i. VP Flores stated that regarding the removal of gendered language from our speech patterns, he wants to make everyone cautious of that and to make an effort in it.
 - 2. CCO Carfagno stated that he has done outreach with Loyola Votes and is looking to schedule a meeting with them to see what they can do to help. Thank you to everyone for reposting on their stories, it really helps.
 - 3. Arrupe College Liaison Camargo stated that she wanted to introduce herself to the new senators. She would love to connect and see what they can do to build a better relationship between Arrupe and Loyola.
 - 4. COO Prag stated a reminder that Affirmations will close this Friday at noon. Please send an affirmation to someone, it really does mean a lot. Let her know if you have any questions or concerns. We have over 300 so far
 - 5. CoS Dervishi stated that she is reminding everyone to join our Facebook group and LUCommunity. She also is the point person for scheduling and will be putting together a community building event by the end of September.
 - 6. CEDIO stated that she will be putting resources in the minutes. Also, a few of you have been emailing me ideas and 1:1 request to be more inclusive with your leadership and legislation. This Friday she has a monthly meeting with the Executive Council on Diversity & Inclusion.
 - 7. ACO Esparza stated that we have a meeting on Thursday so please contact us if you need anything. Also fill out the membership highlight form if you have not already. Regarding the State of the Student Body address, we want your input on how to put that together.
 - a. President Drescher stated that we wanted to front this conversation in how to properly and effectively engage with the student body.
- D. Speaker O'Brien
- 1. Please don't forget about sending in affirmations.
 - 2. Please keep chat use to a minimum. This is a public meeting and those are not public. As well, it proves difficulty in the minutes.

IX. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM