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I. Roll Call
   a. Call to Order at 4:00 PM
   b. Absent: Hummel, Mifsud, Serrano, Vanna

II. Visitors and Guest Speakers
   a. Budget appeals -Kaylie Hartman
      i. Coordinator working with allocations committee to fund events on campus.
      ii. Allocations is about to work all Sunday after the retreat.
      iii. The allocations process is deciding where student activity fund goes.
           1. Students pay it into the univ., allocations pay it out.
      iv. Purpose: to support wholistic development of ppl at Loyola.
           2. Spot funding cycle- Tabling, fundraisers, etc. Organizations can put up to two limits of 20,000.
      v. In order to do it, limitations for SIF to fund:
           1. Allocations can fund:
           2. Things open to all undergrad students.
           3. Deadlines, other requirements with documentation proving that things cost that much
           4. Cannot fund:
              a. Bottled water
              b. Taxes (tax exempt univ.)
              c. Gift cards
              d. Will not reimburse people for things happening outside of SPOT, SBR.
      vi. Can request green initiative fund (events focused on sustainability)- things like zero waste initiatives.
      vii. Successfully submitted appeals go to the senate- there are two reasons to submit for an appeal. Sept. 25th is when appeals are due, will be heard on Oct. 2nd. They must explain rationale, then we debate on the vote.
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1. **Reason 1** - Claim of procedural error: allocations did not follow procedure (not on time, not enough time slots, etc.) If they can show that, funding can be granted.

2. **Reason 2** - Line item appeal: can appeal that a certain item ($500 cookies from insomnia, etc.). If funding dropped down too much, organizations can appeal. Usually comes into play with speaking fee. If org can show contract and that event revolves around that line item, funding can be granted.
   a. Food can sometimes be integral, sometimes be supplemental. If event is a dinner, funding might be necessary, if cookies are supplemental to visitor, they might not be needed.
   b. Other supplemental: Prizes, promotional items (can they promote without items to give out? - typically, yes).

viii. **Main takeaways:** Can appeal if procedural error, or if an item is integral to event’s success.

ix. **Any questions:** Reach out to Kaylee Hartman at 773.508.3897, or Saga office suite 127- DSC.

**III. Approval of the minutes**
   a. Sen- Drescher-
      i. Minor corrections, generally of names.
      b. Minutes amended to what was shown on screen.

**IV. Unfinished Business**
   a. None

**V. Reports**
Standing Committees
   a. **Academic Affairs (Sen Robinson)**
      i. Not a whole lot to report, only 2 committee members.
      ii. Briefly touched on subject of printers- that ppl come speak to the senate as a whole. They will be coming in next Tuesday with new senators, please prepare questions.
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iii. Working with Sen Guerrero and coms team. Will take material regarding lit, they can present it themselves.

iv. Meeting with wellness center on Thursday regarding a referral system for ill students.

b. Sen Hummell recognized at 4:03 PM

c. Allocations Committee (Sen Lopez)

i. Like Kaylie mentioned, hearings on the weekend after retreat. Going over transition letters, what to review. 63 budgets, on the higher end of SPOT cycle, ideally will be done by Friday, will come back from retreat and have hearings.

d. Facilities and Transportation (Sen Maley)

i. For past week, Sen McGuire will be reaching out to bill Curtain about picnic table legislation, for what exactly it would need to be passed with certainty.

ii. Sen Hummel has reached out about outdoor water fountains, response received was that weather was not good for it, but to reach out to another person.

iii. Update to food pantry- emailed don Collins, no response yet.

iv. Lastly, emailed elise cara presil from SAC to set up meeting towards the end of sept, beginning of October about accessibility.

e. Justice Committee (Sen Ahmed)

i. Report fairly detailed, few updates since then.

ii. Committee time is Thursdays at 4:30.

iii. Right after this, senators are meeting about the initiative discussed in the report.

f. Residents, Commuters, and Dining (Sen Drescher)

i. Similarly, not much beyond the report. Found a meeting time.

ii. Reminder that Aramark meeting is next Wednesday, please send concerns from consituents.

g. Safety and wellness (Sen Henderson)

i. There is an event on Sept 22nd 10:30 am at the Granada Center, QPR training.
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ii. Signup sent through Secretary, if all those attending and not attending could please send it out.

iii. Meeting discussion will be filled out with Jim Hummell

iv. Recognize senator Vanna at 4:19 PM.

Special/Ad Hoc Committee’s:

h. Election committee (Sen. McGuire)
   i. Elections are happening right now, fall elections end at midnight. Results known tomorrow.
   ii. Express gratitude to advisor love!
   iii. Generally handling issues with computer system, Advisor Love helped work through it.
   iv. This committee will probably be dissolved after elections.

VI. Judicial Board- C.J. Tawfic
a. Not much to update on, if all chairs could bring some copy of bylaws to the retreat so that when you meet with full committees, you are able to share them with everyone.
   i. Sen. Guerrero- Question for Speaker Yano, After retreat, will freshman join the justice committee?
      1. Speaker Yano- There will not be any freshman joining that committee, quick turnaround and full.

VII. Executive Board- Pres. Mannam
a. Few updates and announcements: Joseph Sato from SDMA emailed VP Caballero and I with the undocumented ally training- please go if available- sept 18th noon to 2pm, Oct 23rd, noon to 2pm at WTC.
   i. Sen Ahmed- Where is this located?
   
   b. There is a signup link, secretary Hopp will send it out.
   
   c. Training at lakeshore is IES room 123, WTC is at Corboy Law center room 303.
   d. Retreat is this Friday through Sunday. Be in CFSU at 4:00 PM.
   e. Have some challenge course waivers to fill out. Will be printed in office after this meeting- please fill it out beforehand, or will not be able to participate in low ropes.
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f. Voter Registration – Loyola votes is tabling on IC 4th floor, September 18th, 1-5PM. The link to signup on report and also on the SGLC sakai page, under “Signups.”  
   i. Sen Guerrero.  
   1. There is a voter registration event at 3 as well.

g. VP Caballero and I will also be presenting at board of trustees.

VIII. Advisors- Advisor Love

a. Advisor Love- Thank you for the Thank you, but I pass it on to Sam Seiner, assistant director for Res life, the architect of ballot process this year. Only experienced 3 students with any hiccup or glitch. Issues were due to unforeseen limitations of software that we are looking to address.

b. Wanted to tell more about who I am: Extending an invitation to connect with everyone. I am Tim Love, and work as the Associate Dean of students supporting students in crisis, or those who need any other kind of support, and work with them. Think this is a natural part of working with SGLC. I also co-advice with the dean. Issues brought up in SGLC are issues that we take seriously and try to support the student body on.

c. Also, if you would like to connect 1-1, my office is open to you. Send an email, call, etc., but if I can support you in SGLC or personally let me know.

d. Took note of request regarding the west quad fence and when it would come down. Had heard that the date was intended to be yesterday, but its still up. Still looking into it.

e. Wanted to provide a point of perspective around the food pantry. Held back last week as I was unsure how forthright I should be as an advisor- I’ve been told to be forthright. I want to let you know that the office of the dean of students was also approached by the same student about the ability to open up a food pantry. In our assessment from the office of the dean of students, where people come with needs for hunger, there is not a demonstrated need for a food pantry at Loyola at this time.  
   i. Advisor Love- There is talk about getting one running at arrupe, however. Issues around opening it to different groups of people. We learned that they are still in the process of working out a deal with the Greater Food
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Repository of Chicago to make sure that both parties needs are met. (If they will agree to stock a food pantry on our campus, what do they need from us?).

f. Advisor Love- I would encourage you all to gather information that supports that we need a pantry. We don’t know if there are unserved students who do need us, but currently we service 2-3 students per semester with food insecurity. We currently do not want to divert resources from the community at large without demonstrated need.

i. Sen Taylor- Is swipe out hunger covering those who need?

g. Yes, it isn’t fully in the works, but currently we provide food vouchers for on campus meals if a student presents need to us. We then work through our CARE protocol- do they need a campus job, or access to a local food pantry, or access to a hardship fund as a short term solution (loss of a job, something unique, Usually a couple hundred dollars). We encourage you to let us know if there are those out there who are experiencing this, but based on our data a food pantry is not currently needed.

i. Sen Ahmed- What steps has the office taken to make students aware of that service?

h. Most “Marketing” is done through our faculty, so that if a student presents to a faculty member that they have financial need, they can refer students to the office to meet 1-1. Have not made any effort around student facing marketing, because currently we are shortstaffed and do not have the resources to keep up with the influx of students we think that might cause. As of right now, BCT, CARE services do not have targeted outreach.

i. Not sure if people are aware of family weekend- mostly targeted towards freshman, but not only them. Will be the following weekend, and will probably see around 1600 visitors. Wasn’t sure if it had been considered to have an SGLC presence at that event. Currently, we look to get volunteers for that event, so if you are interested in volunteering, we need members, either personally or as a member of SGLC (20th, 21st, 22nd.)

j. Today is 9/11- for some of you, you were very young, and may not have registered the significance of the event. 17 years ago, in many ways, our world
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shifted dramatically. Asked to observe a moment of silence for first responders, members of our US armed service, Veterans, or ROTC, and all citizens who continue to be harmed by war and its root causes.

IX. Unfinished Business
   a. None

X. New Business & Discussion
   a. Speaker Yano- Some things on the agenda are different, or unusual. If anyone has any objection, or is confused at any point, it is your duty as a senator to speak up.
   b. Impeachment Hearing
      i. Speaker Yano - First item on agenda. Center complaint unable to be filed, so this was not able to be heard by judicial. That being said, the senate articles say that anyone may motion to continue with this impeachment hearing. Otherwise, it will be heard at next justice committee meeting.
      iii. Sen. Maley- He has not fulfilled his duties, missing meetings on Sept. 4th, or August 28th.
           1. Sen. Guerrero- There is some confusion on who we are impeaching, can you share some background?
      iv. Sen. Maley- he is senator on academic affairs- goes to school here, but has not sent resignation letter or shown up to a meeting.
           1. Speaker Yano – They have been contacted multiple times and were made aware that this is happening today.
      v. 2/3rd s majority of senate needed to impeach.
      vi. Votes: can abstain, however most of the time you should only abstain if you do not have enough information, or have a personal conflict.
           1. Advisor Love- Impeachment needs 2/3rds majority of members, so a vote to abstain is equivalent to a “nay” vote.
           2. Senator Abuhasna- Senator Serrano understands that impeachment hearing is going on, still chose not to attend?
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vii. Speaker Yano- A.G. Franc and I have reached out multiple times, and he has not responded to anything. Has every possibility of knowing what is going on.
   1. Sen. Taylor- when was the senator elected?

viii. Speaker Yano- Last Spring during internals
   1. Sen. Zahra- Do we know if he is alive and well?

ix. Yes.
   1. Chief Justice Tawfic- he has right to appeal to senate after being impeached. If he somehow doesn’t know this is happening, he has the right to appeal the decision.
   2. Senator Ahmed- Are they studying abroad?

x. They are on campus.
   1. Sen. Zahra- Has their namecard been removed?
      a. President Mannam- Yes, it is currently in the office namecards were printed last semester, but he has not shown up.

xi. **Vote Called, result was 22 yay 0 nay 1 abstain, Senator Serrano will be impeached.**
   1. Senator Guerrero- what is the procedure for this? Will he be alerted?
   2. Senator Zahra- will there be a replacement?

xii. Speaker Yano-He will be alerted, and I will get to the second question.

c. **Internal Elections**
   i. Sen Yano- Unfortunately, we did not receive any candidates for this week’s internal elections. We currently have 7 seats open (more than an entire committee!) I ask that you alert everyone you know that we are looking for 7 new senators. Would anyone be willing to table to spread the word?
      1. More than one raise hand
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2.  CCO Prince -If anyone wants the flyer that will be posted tonight, please ask. You can also send it to professors and try to get them to hand it out, as well.

3.  Sen. Taylor- So there are 7 seats open total?

   ii.  Speaker Yano- there are 14 seats open, 7 through freshman and 7 through internals. Reason for impeachment today was that we wouldn’t benefit from having a seat filled by those who do not intend to be here.

      1.  Sen. Mooney- Could a freshman run through internals?

   iii.  Speaker Yano Yes, I will send internals packets to those not elected.

      1.  Sen. Ahmed- how many times will internals happen?

   iv.  Speaker Yano- at speaker’s discretion, but will not happen with one seat open, for example. If we continue to not have applications, I don’t know what to be do to be honest. Traditionally, one happens every semester.

      1.  Sen. Zahra- why are there so many open seats?

   v.  Speaker Yano- We had two last year because we didn’t have enough applications, had 4 resign, and just impeached the 5th. If there are any questions on who those senators are they have been recorded.

   d.  Trial of the Chief Justice

      i.  Speaker Yano - Hopefully at this point you have read the case sent to you by the secretary. I would suggest a 5 minute recess if you have not reviewed this. (not needed.)

      ii.  Chapter 5, subsection 2, letter H- this hearing shall be conducted in a manner decided by the speaker and approved by a majority vote by the senate. I will explain you the procedure attorney Franc and I have decided on. I recommend you approve this method.

          1.  Advisor Love asked for a sidebar on question- Moved to 5-minute recess to explain situation to him.

          2.  Senate is Reconvened at 5:05 PM.

      iii.  Speaker Yano – I will now explain the trial process, you can ask questions, then we will approve or deny the trial.
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iv. Once the trial begins, we close the floor to all non SGLC members. At that point, I will explain rules for things that will happen during the hearing. Each party will have an introductory statement- Ben Franc will present case, and CJ Tawfic can plead guilty or not guilty. If plead guilty, floor will be closed to him, then a vote. If not guilty, defendant can defend. Both sides have an opportunity for rebuttal, then we will vote.

v. Motion to approve the method by Sen Taylor, motion approved.

vi. Motion to close the floor to non SGLC members- Floor is closed.

vii. Floor Opened at 6:17 PM.

viii. Chief Justice Tawfic was assigned zero censures after trial.

ix. Senator Mifsud Recognized at 5:00 PM.

e. Campus Safety Stop and Frisk – Senator Robinson.

i. There is an article circulating this week by the Phoenix that minority groups on campus have been stopped and frisked by campus safety. It is important that we as a body representing the campus are aware of this.

1. Sen Guerrero- I read the article, and though I did have some questions about the reporting, I do think that this is an important issue, however I’m not sure if this is within our capabilities to deal with. Issues of diversity like this may need to be dealt with higher up. We could specifically suggest that a position be redefined to deal with situations like this if dealing with this is beyond our capabilities.

2. Defer to Advisor Love- I do not have any additional clarification on this topic, if you want me to gather more information, I can go talk to campus safety.

3. Senator Glab- I know last semester there was a movement to assign cameras to campus safety members, though there are limitations to it. If that was able to be tied into “stop and frisk” it could alleviate student concerns.
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ii. Sen Robinson- if there are no more points on this, reaching out to campus safety and advisor Love and talking about this in unfinished business might work.
   1. Advisor Love- I’m ok with this, I also don’t want to overstep students having direct access to this, so if I can arrange a meeting between students, campus safety, etc., it could be helpful.

iii. Sen Robinson- Move to assign this to the Justice committee, senator Ahmed accepts.

f. Sen Guerrero-Would like to have senate to have word behind decision on censure claim. The chief justice had a responsibility, but it is not directly specified in the articles of governance. There is currently ambiguity in the articles that should be addressed.

i. Sen Henderson- Question for Chief Justice Tawfic, will the executive branch’s bylaws be signed soon? If so, the problem will solve itself.
   1. C.J. Tawfic- do not believe they have been signed. Judicial has not received them.
      a. Speaker Yano- no committee’s bylaws are currently in effect. If this matter comes up again, they are not bound.
   2. C.J. Tawfic- With that being said, this situation is why I’m asking chairs to bring bylaws to the retreat. Can talk through bylaws with committee there and sign them. There are deadlines in the articles that we have been lenient on in the past, however I expect that deadline to be followed. Please put your bylaws in the tray for it in the SGLC office.
      a. Senator Mifsud- would internally elected senators need to sign by deadline?
   3. C.J. Tawfic- They are outside the deadline, so I would like them to be signed by then, but if not committees would be responsible for sending in another set of signed bylaws with the new members included.
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a. Speaker Yano- for clarification, bylaws are due the Sunday after the SGLC retreat?

4. Yes
   a. Sen Guerrero- will you (C.J. Tawfic) commit to submitting your executive report next week until bylaws are approved?

5. Yes.
   g. Sen Mifsud- I was in a meeting with Wayne Majars and David Biele- they were trying to use information to disprove our suggestions, but we ultimately were able to get through. In the end, we did not reach the deadline of fiscal year 2019 to reevaluate the climate action plan, however we are looking at hiring a consultant to get to 100% renewables before 2025, hopefully in 2021-2022.
   i. Sen McGuire- Is there a discussion on how to make these decisions available to student body?
   h. Sen Mifsud- Yes, Discussions with Aaron Dubach, lead of environmental sustainability, are happening. He will be transparent on who will be hired and send out a state of sustainability yearly report that will hopefully include a climate action plan report. Hopefully by end of month we will have hired a CIO. Both candidates are well versed in sustainable investment practices, believe they are integral and are committed to the climate action plan. Great part about numbers being wrong is that we’re saving more money than we thought we would.
   i. Speaker Yano- Wayne Majars is coming to the meeting on the 25th, you are welcome to prepare questions for that meeting.
   i. Senator Ahmed- I had a student reach out to me over the weekend to sign a petition for a Loyola tobacco free campus. Sent legislation to him, and he asked questions on where we are.
   i. Speaker Yano- Last semester, we passed legislation to pass committee with 2-3 senators on it regarding this issue, wondering where we are on it?

1. President Mannam- VP Caballero and I met with DR. Rooney, at that point it hadn’t been sent out, as Doug and myself were not
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able to schedule a meeting. The VP and I are looking to make sure that this piece of legislation gets through. Sent contacts somewhere to be sent out, will check where, to see how to bring this forward. If brought forward, it would have to be all campuses, not just Loyola (even including Rome).

j. Senator Ahmed- Does that mean that legislation right now is not valid?
   i. Speaker Yano- No, the legislation put through last year was a call to make the committee (recommendation). As long as we create the committee, we have followed it. It is still valid.

k. Sen Ahmed- Would like bylaws in before the 25th, if possible, though that is the deadline.

l. Sen Ahmed- Plastic straws still exist on campus.

m. Sen Drescher- Looking more on storage space, will get back in two weeks.

XI. Announcements and Upcoming Events

a. Speaker Yano- The retreat is this weekend, you are expected to be at centennial forum at 4:00 PM on Friday. Food not assigned, show up early and you can pick.
   i. Sen Guerrero- what should I pack, etc.
   ii. Pres Mannam- that being said, COS Gomez is working to ensure dietary restrictions are handled. Try not to take food someone may need.

b. Speaker Yano- as to Guerrero’s comment, I have a list that can be sent out to campus.
   i. Sen Mifsud- can also get a LUREC packing list that I can send out.

c. Speaker Yano- We should be back by 1:00 on Sunday.

d. Engagement Requirement is September, you are required to do this this month. Reach out to organizations to schedule a visitation to their meetings.
   i. Sen Zahra-If I was a move in volunteer, does that count?

e. Speaker Yano- Yes, but the only person who reported was senator Lopez. He is the only one that move in volunteering counts for. This will be covered in the retreat.
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f.  Let me know if you are going to be late to senate, if you need to leave 15 minutes early, I would like to know as a courtesy, but you do not need permission.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM