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I. Roll Call
   a. Call to Order at 4:00 PM
   b. Speaker Yano Takes Roll
   c. Absent: Sen. Serrano

II. Visitors and Guest Speakers
   a. Robert Griffin (Loyola Food Bank)
   b. Graduate of culinary institute of America, trained chef. Hates to see people hungry. Transferred to Loyola because of focus on social justice.
   c. What is food insecurity?
      i. Food insecurity is not knowing where your next meal will come from.
      ii. In America, it disproportionately affects college students.
      iii. Affecting 40% of students surveyed.
      iv. Of those 48%, 22% reported very low food security.
      v. Disproportionately affects minorities, first time college students (in a family)
      vi. Meal plans generally the response to this, but 43% of students on a meal plan still reported it.
      vii. Faculty/staff, and graduate students also suffer from this.
   d. Who is doing something?
      i. College and university food bank alliance.
         1. Founded in California have spread to many states including IL.
         2. UIC, Columbia college Chicago, and Georgetown are some of the school with a food bank. Many Jesuit colleges have a food bank, with the notable exception of Boston College and LUC.
   e. What is Loyola doing?
      i. Swipe out hunger: donate dining dollars to help students out.
      ii. Also have CARE services.
      iii. There is a food pantry for Arrupe College, but not one for the main campus.
   f. What does a food pantry add?
      i. The issue is a multifaceted problem, so it adds or solves a lot of things. Some issues solved include anonymity and accessibility. If it only required
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a Loyola ID, it would have anonymity and accessibility. Faculty/staff and grad students have Loyola ID, giving them access, too. It also gives us more ways to accept donations (food, money, etc.)

ii. Could get goods from Chicago food repository.

g. What do I need?
   i. Would like SGLC to make food insecurity a priority for this year and endorse and partner with the food pantry, and I would like money set aside to hire a volunteer and to get the project started.

h. Questions
   i. Sen. Taylor: How many students are accessing?
      1. Unknown.
   ii. Sen. Drescher- Would this be an affiliated organization with Loyola?
   i. Personally, I would like it to be.
      i. Sen. Drescher- Is usage of the food pantry by those who don’t have need only stopped by the honor system?
   j. Yes.
      i. Sen. Drescher- What would the needed space look like?
   k. Not known right now.
      i. Sen. Guerrero - More information about other universities that have food pantries?
   l. There is a website with this information.
   m. We would partner with the greater Chicago food repository?
      i. Sen. Henderson- Have you considered getting funding from the repository?
   n. No, I would rather start our own thing rather than start a chapter of the Chicago food repository.
      i. Sen. Robinson- Have you reached out to other student organizations?
   o. I started with talking to Dean Rodriguez, who told me to come here. Part of food recovery network,
      i. Sen Robinson-Is the food recovery network looking to back you?
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p. No, it would not. We could start with dry goods, then advance into fresh produce. We don’t have the infrastructure for produce yet.

**III. Approval of the minutes**
   a. No objections—minutes are approved.

**IV. Unfinished Business**  

**V. Reports**
   a. Academic Affairs (Sen Robinson)
      i. Report goes along with her work:
      ii. Dealt with printers- sustainability and making it cheaper.
      iii. Following up on this topic from last year.
      iv. Sen Guerrero has been speaking to lead PA to implement this into Univ 101 courses.
         1. Sen Ahmed- Are you hoping to have people who wanted printers come back?
      v. Yes, they are willing to have people come back and present.
   b. Allocations Committee (Sen Lopez)
      i. Last week, went over training.
      ii. Got RSO’s dealt with through email.
      iii. We held office hours from 4-5 PM and have had lots of engagement with RSO’s so far.
   c. Facilities and Transportation (Sen Maley)
      i. We had some technical difficulties, but still went into finishing goals. Get picnic tables, reaching out tomorrow. Updating shuttle app- talking about researching that as a new project.
   d. Justice Committee (Sen Ahmed)
      i. Updates in report, not a lot really happened.
      ii. Will be attending STARS meeting on Monday.
      iii. After, will have information on a new initiative.
      iv. Voter registration drive attracted 1000 students, registered 500.
      v. Sep. 17, constitution day: info session on how to vote.
      vi. Other date- volunteer effort, need volunteers.
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1. Sen Henderson - Is there a sign up sheet for volunteers yet?
   vii. Not yet.
   1. Please send it out to me when it is ready.

e. Justice Committee - Sen Drescher.
   i. Update from Mary Joe Banks, the contact in ITS: paper in res hall printers is 100% recycled, and we are getting soy toner, in them, as well.
   ii. Have been in contact with commuters, lots of them are frustrated with paying for Metra tickets. Possible involvement with intercollegiate coalition to partner with other schools going forward.
   iii. Additionally, Sen. Drescher reached out about getting farm fresh vending machine installed.
      1. Sen. Guerrero- Any progress on removing plastic straws?
   iv. Reached out to ease transition from plastic to paper straws.
      1. Straws still in smoothie bar.
      2. Sen Mooney- It will not result in a meeting, just phone calls, emails.

v. Drescher- meeting with representatives in two weeks, if there are any comments please direct to RCDC.
   1. Sen Bazaraa- There is a printer in the basement of the library that has been broken since last semester.

vi. Drescher - RCDC just handles printers in Residence Halls, please direct this to someone in ITS.

f. Safety and wellness (Sen Henderson)
   i. There will be QPR training on September 22nd, at the Granada center. The training is combination of a powerpoint lecture and opportunities for those there to interact and gain hands on environment.
   ii. Regarding the new topic of business from Sen Robinson, we’ve reached out to the director of wellness center. Got answer back, one positive thing is that CARE manager doesn’t work exclusively with mental health side of wellness center, works with all students. Want to set up a time to discuss this meeting further.

Special/Ad Hoc Committee’s:
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- g. Election committee- Sen McGuire.
  - i. Midnight is deadline for applications, currently priority is to get students to finish started applications.
  - ii. Spoke to ~ 30 students. Tabled today, in case students were interested last minute. I will be preparing the list of candidates tonight.
  - iii. From Sept. 5th to 9th is the campaigning period- if posters look negative, please let us know, as that does not meet with our guidelines.
  - iv. Voting is on the 10th and 11th, winners announced on Sept. 12th.
    1. Sen Bazaraa- if freshman have not applied yet, what do they do?
  - v. Come to meeting asap after meeting today.

VI. Judicial Board- Franc
- a. We misinformed you last week, committee meetings are Thursday at 7:30.

VII. Executive Board- Caballero
- a. Anusha and I will be attending board of trustees training. The next couple weeks are hectic for all of us- be kind!
- b. BLT meeting next week.
- c. Finished inducting secretary and university senate application.
  - i. Still have university senate interviews to hold, and not done spreading the word just yet- there is a new application open for Chief of Staff, as current COS will be graduating in December. If anyone is interested, please let them know!
- d. Will be meeting with student govt. of Arrupe to discuss our relationship.
- e. Meeting with Lucas Filcher about Chicago area student government.
  - i. Keep us posted on what you are doing with them, do not state things on behalf of the student govt. as we are not sure what our role within this coalition will be.
- f. Fall banquet will be in two weeks sept 19th, McCormick lounge., please fill out form if there are any dietary restrictions.
  - i. If any other orgs should come to the banquet, please let us know!
  - ii. If you need to meet with someone, you can use the banquet.
- g. Retreat is sept. 13th, mandatory.
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i. If you cannot make it, let Anusha know why not by Friday.

h. Next Tues, sept 18th, there will be tabling for Loyola Boats resource fair, student orgs that are govt. related, from 1-5pm. If you would like to volunteer, link to tabling is on the report.

i. Sen Guerrero- When is application for chief of Staff closing?
   1. Date not set yet, goal is to have someone set up before November.

ii. Sen Guerrero- idea is to appoint someone before fall semester ends, correct?
   1. Yes.

VIII. Advisor Love-


b. Not much university news, national developments that may impact us:
   i. Last week, the DO education may release some updated regulations around title IX and reports around gender-based misconduct. Currently, our response is that that was a preliminary story, and the Department of Education does not have anything ready to release. Any action taken currently would be too early. We are tracking it and will update if there are any changes.

   ii. There is an official update on DACA:
      1. There is a court case called Texas vs US- Case against US Govt from Texas and other states to block all of DACA- saying that DACA, from the beginning, was illegal. Court found in favor of the US Government and denied the request for preliminary injunction.
         a. Currently, DACA remains a legal remedy available to students. Recision of DACA is still being kicked around in the court. Likely to be more legal challenges.
      2. Students who are currently using DACA are encouraged to reapply for DACA at this time.
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iii. Has the university made a statement on the shooting that happened on the weekend?
   1. No, comes from unofficial news sources: a northwestern Grad student shot near Clark and Howard- close enough to be a concern, but no other information.

IX. New Business & Discussion
a. HIV protection, prevention (Sen. Taylor)
   i. Working with Sen. Glab about bringing prep to wellness center. The wellness center currently offers PEP (Post exposure propelaxis)- if exposed, prevents you from getting HIV if taken in 3 days after. PREP offered, protects 94% against HIV if taken daily before exposure.
   b. HIV affects LGBT, Women of color disproportionately. Not currently offered.
   c. Wellness Center doesn’t want to do this type of care care, as they would need to do follow-up testing every three months.
      i. Want to reach out to other organizations that offer PREP.
      ii. Want to tackle the issue that people have to start taking PREP off campus.
      iii. Want to create a Working with Howard Brown Center- close the gap in the LGBT population of Chicago, who have infrastructure in place for this event, including STI testing, and prescribing PREP.
         1. Waiting for email from prep manager from howard brown.
   d. Next steps:
      i. Talk to university about it, gauge support, pick a date.

X. Sen Vanna recognized 4:44 PM
i. Sen Glab- Goal is to bring this to our campus directly.
ii. Sen Guerrero- Concern is privacy- some people don’t want to know that they are being tested, concerns about patient confidentiality.

b. Speaker Yano- Do you feel you got what you needed out of this discussion?
   i. Sen Taylor- I’ll let you know later.

XI. Sen Drescher- Further food pantry discussion
a. I’d like to discuss food pantry presentation.
   i. If the statistics are representative of our population, help.
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ii. RCDC could potentially step in, other committees could look at res halls.

b. Sen Mifsud- One concern is about space, where would we keep all the food? Need more than just some storage closet.

c. Sen Hummel- defer to chief justice

i. Maybe centennial forum could be used. Space not used consistently. Sen Maley could investigate that with Facilities and Transportation to see if that space could be used. Getting the ball rolling right away would be the best option.

d. Sen Guerrero-

i. Not only just space, the place where you store the food needs to be a quality space (refrigerators may be needed, cool dry space, etc.)

ii. If students want to donate money, could we donate money from cards? Suggested the system be less of a pantry, and more of a coupon/service model.

e. Sen Mooney- Are Dining halls associated with food recovery network?

i. Sen Drescher- Refer to audience:

1. Audience- we have food drive at end of spring semester- can purchase food to donate with charity.

2. A 6X2 janitor closet would be better than the current situation.

f. Sen Henderson- I’d like to get a rundown of the legality of using committee funds for this- defer to president.

i. President Mannam- We are free to use committee funds for initiatives- that being said, we could apply to use the student innovation fund (SIF)- pool of money, like allocations but on a broader level.

   a. Last year, funds for whiteboards came from that fund.

g. Sen Guerrero-

i. Since SGLC is not an RSO, can we get funds?

   1. President Mannam- SIF is for anyone, don’t need to be RSO to use fund.

h. Sen Drescher-
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i. Can’t move forward with this initiative without a space? Can Facilities and Transportation look into that element, then we move forward?
   1. Sen Maley- Yes, facilities can do that.

i. Sen Drescher -
   i. Do not want to defer this to Facilities and Transportation yet.

j. Sen Henderson
   i. If we were to create need for space, and the student body thought it was important, that would get us a space.

k. Sen Guerrero- Question for audience-
   i. If we don’t have the infrastructure, would you be open to alternatives?
      1. Audience: Yes, my goal is to reduce food insecurity. I think a food pantry is a good option, but not the only option.

l. Sen Robinson
   i. Does member of audience know how much funding this would take?
      1. Audience: Expecting a couple hundred dollars for shelving, hiring a volunteer, flyers. Resources could come from Greater Chicago food repository, and other organizations

   ii. If we decide to move forward, remember that it is not ours. We are helping a student out, so keep them in the loop- they are the headliners! Whoever takes this on should reach out to campus ministry.

m. Sen Guerrero-
   i. How does this work logistically (3 times a week, daily?) How do other colleges/universities do it?
      1. Audience: Some do once a month, some daily, some 24/7. Would prefer it open as much as possible.

n. Sen Mifsud-
   i. Could be open whenever Damen is open/ whenever the IC is open if the pantry was place in either of those locations. I suggest tailoring the pantry’s hours around the space it was put in.

o. Sen Henderson-
   i. Is food coming from outside orgs?
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1. Audience: Yes, we could get it from other sources, such as Loyola students, faculty, etc., but generally university food pantries partner with another organization.

    p. Sen Glab- 
       i. Plans to catalog how much the pantry would be used?
          1. Audience: anonymity is really key. Could potentially keep track of key code, or inventory turnover and use that to estimate how many people come in, but we should be careful what data we collect.

    q. Sen Bazaraa- 
       i. Is there any system to stop those who don’t have need stopping you from getting in?
          1. Audience: No, I would hope the student body would self-police?
          2. Audience: If you like the idea so much you want to take it over, I’d love to work with you. Feel free to reach out as much or as little as you like.

    r. Sen Max Mifsud 
       i. Would like to defer topic of finding a room to Facilities and Transportation.
       ii. Sen. Maley accepts?

    s. Sen Guerrero 
       i. Who is the point of contact?
          1. Speaker Yano- Currently I am.
          2. Would you be comfortable remaining the point of contact?
             a. Speaker Yano- Yes.
                i. Audience: if anyone would like to send me an email, feel free.

    t. Speaker Yano- 
       i. Any further points?
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1. Sen Drescher- Have concerns that if we don’t create a list of needs now, something will fall through the cracks. If interested people could reach out after this meeting, we could meet.

2. Speaker Yano- In the interest of time, we should not create a list right now. I would recommend those interested meet after.

XII. Announcements and Upcoming Events

   i. Video of National Jesuit college of student leadership with Speaker Yano.
   ii. Main aspects of the meeting were to go into everything you do with 100% and a positive attitude. If you limit yourself and your mind, you limit the things you can do. Make sure you are representing your student body, and recognize that you love each other through your actions (touch, service, etc.)
   iii. Sen Mifsud won a dance competition, but failed to win trivia.

b. Speaker Yano:
   i. Was an empowering experience, excited for those who go next year.

c. Sen Guerrero:
   i. As an organization, challenge ourselves to be more inclusive and use gender inclusive language, such as saying “you all” instead of “guys,” and similar phrases.

XIII. Sen Mifsud Moves to adjourn the meeting.

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.