Student Government of Loyola Chicago

Senate Committee Chair Report

Due Date: Sundays by 2pm.

Late submissions will not be included in the email, subject to notification to the Attorney General.

Academic Affairs: Senator Ahuja

Since the report at Senate in Tuesday, there has been one major thing happening with Academic Affairs. I met with Rho, co-founder of Freenters, to discuss the changes that the company made regarding sustainability and a few other updates. The major change has to with sustainability, and it’s a little hard to explain, so I will be emailing Speaker Yano some attachments that Rho showed me that explain everything better. Our concern last year was that, because using Freenters for free printing would mean extra pages printed out for ads, we had concerns of increased paper usage. Freenters now has partnered with Printreleaf at all of their schools (I’ll send Speaker Yano the attachment about them). Essentially, Printreleaf automatically converts any paper that we use with Freenters into actual trees that need reforestation. They would measure the amount of paper consumed through Freenters at Loyola and convert that to reforestation efforts that can be verified. My meeting with Rho was more about the general details of this project, meaning that I don’t know the specifics yet of how the reforestation efforts actually work, but hopefully their website gives more information. I told Rho that if the Senate is interested in this or would like more information, that we’d love to have him as a guest speaker soon. Second, a smaller development is that Rho says that they can default the printed paper from Freenters to print double sided, so that students are encouraged to print double-sided if they want to print for free. That could potentially cut paper usage in half, not including the extra ads that would need to be printed out. I left the meeting saying that SGLC would get back to him regarding whether or not we’d like to move forward, because student support was a big question last year. Because we were not able to meet in the craziness of the first week, I was not able to get updates from Senator Robinson or Senator Vanna (my sincerest apologies), so I will ask both of them to give any updates that they have in verbal form at the meeting on Tuesday.
**Allocations Committee: Senator Lopez**
The Allocations Committee met with our adviser Kaylee Hartman on Thursday to go over training for the upcoming funding cycles. Senator Lopez met with a couple of representatives from RSOs who had questions about requesting funds from the committee. Budget requests are due on Friday, September 7 at 5 pm. The committee will be working hard to review all the budget requests and prepare for hearings which will be held the following week.

**Facilities and Transportation Committee: Senator Maley**
No Report Received

**Justice Committee: Senator Ahmed**
Over the week Senator Ahmed has attended the LGBTQIA+ reception with Senator Lopez and gathered a lot of information about getting Prep and other services for LGBTQIA+ students in the wellness center. In addition to gathering information she also met with many of the LGBTQIA+ clubs at the reception and community partners and let them know about SGLC. Senator Guerrero has received the voter registration kit that he had ordered earlier this summer from The Southern Poverty Law Center. The kits are designed to help students create their own voter registration initiatives so we may be incorporating that into a tabling event. In addition Senator Guerrero has a meeting scheduled with Phil Hale next Thursday to discuss more on the voter registration and he also has a meeting set up with Jocelyn Dillards Co-president of the BCC about helping them start their own voter registration. Senator Mifsud has a meeting set for the 11th of September with Wayne about the RePower initiative. Lastly, Senator Glab is going to gather more information about the transgender Taskforce and see how the justice committee can help out with that. In addition she is still working and researching with Senator Taylor about getting more LGBTQIA+ services in the wellness center.

**RCDC Committee: Senator Drescher**
Senator Abuhasna has reached out to the constituent we worked with to follow up on his knowledge of the placement of the Farm Fresh vending machines.
Senator Mooney has reached out to the Student Accessibility Center to check with them on the plastic straw removal/paper straw upon request, and how it’s affecting their students.
Senator Zahra has been in contact with Mackenzie Rotherham of the commuter students to see where RCDC can help in their upcoming events/plans.
I’ve been monitoring the printers and working on some logistical things for our committee (LIT response plan, printer schedule, potential initiatives). 

**Safety and Wellness Committee: Senator Henderson**
Hello from Safety and Wellness!!!!
So an update to the QPR training THAT WILL BE HAPPENING ON SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 10:30: it will be comprised of a presentation from the Wellness Center’s Care Manager, along with the opportunity for people to interact and participate all throughout the session. Speaker Yano will be sending around a form asking for you to RSVP. Please please please fill that out.

With regards to Senator Robinson’s NB topic, I reached out to Joan Holden of the Wellness Center. She informed me that the Care Manager does not work just with just seeking mental health care but will all students in the WC. Senator Robinson and I will be discussing this topic further and will likely set up a meeting with Ms. Holden in the future.

**Fall Elections Special Committee: Senator McGuire**

9/2: In the last week, the Fall Elections committee has published the upcoming election both at the OrgFair and in the Damen Student Center on Wed. 8/29. Our next tabling session is scheduled for Tuesday 9/4 from 2-4pm in Damen Student Center.

We have begun offering candidate meetings as of last Wednesday and have met with 16 potential candidates thus far. Candidate meetings will continue to be offered from 5-6 PM on Monday and 2-3 PM on Tuesday. So far we have 1 candidate fully submitted and will be placed on the ballot pending an academic standing check by Advisor Love on 9/5. The rest of the students who have attended candidate meetings or submitted a packet will be emailed reminders to submit the rest of their materials prior to the deadline.

Preparations have been made to code, test, and ultimately publish the ballot with Advisor Love prior to the election date.