Student Government of Loyola Chicago

Senate Committee Chair Report

Due Date: Sundays by 4pm.

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

Academic Affairs: Senator Robinson (Updated 9/29)

- Academic Affairs meetings will take place at 4:30p on Mondays.
- Senator Robinson
  - LIT PowerPoint was sent to PAs and Senior Academic Advisor, Elizabeth Reynders, assured me this would be distributed to all PAs at their next staff meeting. They will have the option of either teaching their students in person or sending them the info via email. Thought about giving them LIT stress balls to pass out to students, any objections?
  - Beginning the process of writing legislation for the Freenters initiative. Will have more updates to come!
  - Bella and Cesar will serve as student reps on a committee that will be reviewing the professor course evaluation system.
  - Looking into the LIT idea of having multiple shopping carts in LOCUS to make registration easier.
- Senator Vanna
  - Will now sit on the Council for Student Success
  - Met with Annie Kelly. She is willing to come in and give a presentation regarding the tutor center and new updates since taking the position. If anyone is interested in becoming a tutor they are looking to hire.
  - Goals for the upcoming week: Follow up to see when business class tutoring center is set up and running downtown
Senators: If anyone is interested in a class they want in tutor center you can request it by emailing Annie Kelly and/or if you are interested in becoming a tutor email her asap.
- akelly2@luc.edu

Senator Gross
- Met with Annie Kelly. Received a lot of useful information about how the tutoring center runs and the resources available. She is willing to come give a presentation to SGLC regarding these resources and her in this new position.
- Goals for the upcoming week: Discuss resources for advertising for the tutoring center, check in on the progress if the new tutoring center downtown

Senator Lopez
- Senator Kostiuk has invited us to a meeting have been scheduled with Mike Posner to discuss the LGBTQIA+ Learning Community on October 10th. AA invited Kostiuk to come to our meeting Monday Oct. 1st to discuss questions and strategize the approach we want to take on the LGBTQIA+ LC.
  - Having a brainstorm session with other senators at Monday’s Academic Affairs meeting to discuss further steps for this initiative.

Allocations Committee: Senator Lopez
The committee did revive a few appeals for Fall 2018 SPOT 1 however only one appeal met grounds. Senator Lopez will be speaking on behalf of the committee on Tuesday during the appeal hearing. Additionally, Senator Lopez and a few other senators are working on completing a final draft of the legislation that will be presented on Tuesday, October 2. Finally, Fall 2018 SPOT 2 is quickly approaching and the committee is starting to get ready for another funding cycle.

Facilities and Transportation Committee: Senator Maley
Hello everyone. Our meeting time is Wednesday’s 7-8pm. All are welcome!
The meeting with Gretchen Carey will be next Tuesday at 2:15 PM. We will discuss the issues of the 8 ride and the shuttle. The contract between the transportation this year will be ending so this meeting will provide the team with important information.
Senator McGuire is working on the picnic table initiative, which is on track to be presented to the senate next meeting.
With Senator Hummel resigning, the Facilities and Transportation Committee has two open spots. The initiatives that Senator Hummel was working on will be redistributed after
internals. Her initiatives include: outdoor water fountains, and checking the maintenance of the existing water fountains.

Senator’s Helman and Kostiuk were invited by the president of RHA, Austin Runde to speak on their initiative: The addition of the title “non-gender identifying individuals” to bathrooms in the residence halls. Their work was met with positive feedback.

Senator Drescher, Senator Jefferson and I were also there at the RHA meeting for the engagement requirement. We spoke on SGLC initiatives, but in regards to Facilities and Transportation we focused on the addition of more water bottle refilling stations in mertz. The idea was also met with positivity, with mertz being the main focus of adding more water bottle refilling stations but with hopes to add more throughout campus. We hope to work more with RHA in the future to get that completed.

Senator Helman and I met with Advisor Tim Love about facilities related initiatives: specifically the bathroom initiative where he advised us on details moving forward.

During our meeting on Wednesday (7-8pm), we meet with individuals who identified as non-gender conforming to better educate us on the initiative moving forward. These are the beginning conversations with the community that will help us better represent our constituents in the long run. If you are interested in learning more about this, these individuals left educational resources on the whiteboard in the large SGLC office.

Thank you!

**Justice Committee: Senator Ahmed**

This week in justice Senator Ahmed and Senator Glab attended at Students for Reproductive Justice meeting and gathered more information about the Demonstration policy and changed that some organizations on campus are hoping to be made. In addition a representative from Students for Reproductive Justice attended the Justice Committee meeting on Thursday. We discussed an action plan and are beginning to take steps forward. Senator Guerrero is working on the logistics for the co sponsored voting registration event with B.C.C. which again will be on Oct 4th at 7:00 pm in Cuneo 002. In addition Senator Guerrero is working on a way to see how the Justice Committee can strengthen our relationship with campus ministry. Senator Glab in addition to working on the initiative with students for reproductive justice is waiting to hear back from Howard Brown about testing and Prep prescribing event. Senator Mifsud update met and emailed Wayne and everything is moving forward with the REPower initiative.

**RCDC Committee: Senator Drescher**
Senator Mooney, Senator Jefferson, Senator Maley, Senator Helman, Senator Kostiuk and I attended an RHA meeting to discuss the shower heads, inclusive restrooms on campus, LIT, and SGLC’s general capabilities. RHA showed support for both initiatives.

RHA was unaware of RCDC’s involvement with the residence hall printers, so we offered information on those. They have an interest in introducing more printers to residence halls on campus (specifically to those furthest away). Our committee has displayed a conservative willingness to monitor any new printers introduced on their end. We asked they be introduced slowly and steadily, so as to not suddenly overwhelm our members and our inbox.

RHA also displayed an interest in increasing safety on campus through some degree of universal residence hall gate access for students. I gave President Runde Senator Henderson’s contact to further conversations of safety on campus.

Senator Abuhasna and Senator Mooney have reached out to the Student Environmental Alliance to discuss the Uncap Loyola initiative and the water conserving shower heads. They are in the process of setting up a meeting with them to discuss.

Senator Mooney is looking into shower head companies that may want to use us as a trial for the shower heads in order to get a discount since many of the shower heads are in their beginning stages and more expensive than expected.

Senator Jefferson is planning to work with Facilities and Transportation on getting a new water station in Mertz and on getting ice stations in the residence halls to encourage more students to use the stations. They could also provide ice for any minor injuries sustained in a residence hall.

Senator Zahra met with Commuter Ambassadors last week to talk about their initiatives, including an interest form they will be sending out to gather feedback from commuter students, and the fact that they’ve outgrown their current commuter space. Slow progress is being made on the metra initiative.

We discussed questions for RCDC to contribute to the fall survey, potential interest in academic council, and 8 ride and shuttle feedback.

**Safety and Wellness Committee: Senator Henderson**

Hello everyone, you all have received an email from campus safety regarding a report on Crime Statistics. For some context on this report, it is something Campus Safety must send out every year. It is a detailed breakdown of the crimes they must report in accordance with the Clery act. Something that jumped out to my committee is an increase in sexual assaults and the amount of alcohol related infractions.

The wellness center has reached out to me looking for a student to sit on their quality improvement committee. They meet only the third Tuesday of every month. For anyone that is interested, please reach out to me and I can put you in contact with the committee.
Our committee will also be putting a question on the fall survey from SGLC. This question will ask whether or not students would like to see more campus safety alerts regarding events not required under the Clery act. We are hoping to use this data to counter the argument that students are happy with the amount of notices.