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**

- Academic Affairs meetings will take place at 4:30p on Mondays.
- Senator Robinson
  - Received an update from Susana Cavallo about ASL. She reached out to the Chicago universities to find a professor. University of Chicago does offer the course, however their full-time professor just retired and they will have to expand their search to nationwide. Loyola may struggle because we are only looking for an adjunct professor and would only offer 101-102 level courses. Susana plans on expanding the search to local high school next week.
  - Communications team completed a PowerPoint explain LIT and how to sign up. I requested President and VP write a letter to go along with the presentation explaining our gratitude for the PAs willingness to assist and how this benefits the student body as a whole.
  - Beginning the process of writing legislation for the Freenters initiative. Will have more updates to come!
  - Working on finding 2-3 student reps to sit on a committee that will be reviewing the professor course evaluation system.

- Senator Vanna
  - Will now sit on the Council for Student Success
  - Senator Vanna and Senator Gross are working on a joint initiative to expand the offerings in the tutor center, specifically in the IES programs and Quinlan School
of Business programs. They plan on reaching out to Annie Kelly who is the Associate Director of the tutor center, to set up a meeting to discuss this further.

- Senator Gross
  - See above.
- Senator Lopez
  - Working on the creation of an LGBTQI+ learning community. He will first be reaching out to other senators who displayed interest at the 9/18 senate meeting. From there, we will create an action plan.

**Allocations Committee: Senator Lopez**

Decision letters were sent out on Wednesday, September 19th to the Registered Student Organizations. We have not heard about any appeals, however, student organizations have until 5pm on Tuesday, September 25 to submit appeals. Organizations have been reaching out with questions regarding their funding and we have been addressing their questions. Our next funding cycle is in October and we plan to draft legislation during this bit of down time that we have,

**Facilities and Transportation Committee: Senator Maley**

Hello everyone. We communicated with Dawn Collins and found that the rumored SGLC initiative space within centennial forum never existed, this information will be useful for future inaives. We also communicated with Gretchen Carey about transportation related issues, we hope to meet with her in the future to discuss the issues with the 8 ride and shuttle, if you have any complaints about these please reach out to me. Gretchen Carey emphasised that specific examples were beneficial to the improvement of transportation. Senator McGuire will have the picnic table legislation done by the next senate meeting. Senator Hummel will continue to research how often the water bottle refills are being changed. I reached out to the president RHA, Austin Runde about adding more water bottle fountains in mertz and we will be working on that inative going into the future. Senator Helman and Senator Kostiuk have been working on getting more non gender bathrooms on campus. Along with that Senator Kostuik met with Sam Signer about establishing an LGBTQIA+ learning community, and was met with positive feedback. Senator Helman has communicated with individuals who identify within the LGBTQIA+ community and they will be coming into the next Facilities and Transportation meeting to talk about what they are looking for in a learning community. Our official meeting time is Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm, Thank you!
Justice Committee: Senator Ahmed

Hope everyone had a great week! We would like to welcome Senator Anderson onto Justice, we are all so excited to have her join us! Our Committee meetings are now going to be held at 4:00 pm on Thursdays!

Senator Ahmed has reached out to campus safety about the Phoenix’s article about the stops and frisks on campus. They have offered a “ride along” to show how campus safety works. In addition Senator Ahmed, Senator Glab, and Senator Rodenbaugh have met with Students for Reproductive Justice about the demonstration policy and what changes and improvements can be made to it. There will be a big meeting with Rso’s and Non-Rso’s to discuss what students would like to see for this. More information will be coming in the next couple weeks.

Senator Mifsud is trying to set a meeting with Wayne Magdziarz for next Tuesday to gather an updates on where we are at with the Repower Initiative. In addition he will be working a resource for an op-ed piece for the Phoenix which we can all read in next Wednesdays paper. So go grab a copy!

Senator Glab has been in contact with Dean Rodriguez to gather more information on the Transgender Taskforce. Senator Gab has also found out more information about changing students preferred name in Locus. This initiative is already underway currently waiting on IT to figure out the technical part and then it is going to be presented and hopefully approved. In addition Senator Glab has reached out to Chief Justice Joe Tawfic to continue the free Pads + Tampons initiative that was lead by Students for Reproductive Justice due to the fact they only have enough funds allocated to continue this initiative for one semester. Senator Gab is also waiting to hear back from Howard Brown regarding her and Senator Taylor’s HIV PrEP/PEP initiative.

Senator Guerrero had a meeting with Associate Dean Tim Love for redefining the CEIDO on a university level. Currently the CEIDO position compasses a lot of things and the need for a functional senior level position that deals with diversity issues is apparent. In addition Senator Guerrero has been working with the BCC for a collab voter registration event that y’all should be hearing more about in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you.

RCDC Committee: Senator Drescher

RCDC will meet Thursdays from 4-5pm.
Senator Mooney has reached out to the Director of Residence Life, Deb Schmidt-Rogers, for contact information of someone to reach out to to introduce the water-saving shower heads to the new residence hall that will be breaking ground next February. She also reached out to the Student Environment Alliance to discuss the shower heads with them, too.

Senator Zahra has a meeting planned with Commuter ambassadors and advisor.

Senator Jefferson is going to reach out to Facilities and Transportation to discuss a potential partnership and the progress on the Mertz water filler and making the water cold consistently from the fillers.

Senator Ahmed is planning on reaching out to SEA/partnering with Senator Mooney in her meeting with SEA to discuss the Uncap Loyola Initiative.

We had our meeting with Aramark last Wednesday and I’ve attached a list of information gained from that meeting below. I will also be reaching out to the RHA to have a preliminary meeting with them to discuss the year ahead.

- The remainder of the plastic straw inventory will be used and then it will switch to them only available upon request.
- More silverware has been purchased for DeNo
- No tree nuts are offered or used the preparation of dining hall food though they cannot guarantee what happens prior to its arrival to campus -- nothing is intentionally ordered with tree nuts in it.
  - Any students will severe allergies should reach out to Aramark or the Executive Chef and they can provide a tour of the options, indicating their safest choices.
- Aramark is going to see if their vendor offer Halal deli meat options for the sandwich stations and if they do not, they will look into outside vendors.
- We are now Halal Certified in our dining halls.
- Frappuccino machine in Damen will be fixed soon
- Aramark composites through the University.
- Buffalo Sauce will be introduced periodically.
- Tomato Basil Soup will be added to the soup rotation
- Potential school spirit oriented food items will be offered for the kick off of basketball season (Maroon-dyed whipped cream)
- Commuter coupon books introduced again later in the year.
- Food Waste has exponentially increased in the dining halls this year.
  - Aaron Durnbaugh will be invited to our next Aramark/RCDC meeting to discuss solutions
- We will reach out to RAs to develop a program for students to return their stolen tableware from the dining halls before every major break.

Safety and Wellness Committee: Senator Henderson
Hello everyone. Thank you to everyone that chose to attend the QPR training! I thought it was a successful presentation and was able to walk away feeling more comfortable about discussing suicide and mental health. Senator Taylor is still waiting to hear back from Howard Brown Center regarding his and Senator Glabb’s HIV PrEP/PEP initiative.

Senator Siddiqui and I are still working to address issues of campus safety crime reporting. We will be meeting this week to discuss our next steps. I received word from one of my professors that a GIS map is possible for showing where a majority of students live off campus and I will be working with Advisor Love to move this forward.