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 Robinson

- Senator Robinson
  - Senator Vanna and I spoke briefly about initiatives for the upcoming school year. Because it is only the two of us on the Academic Affairs committee, much of our work will begin following freshmen elections.
    - Senator Vanna would like to work on increasing resources at the Tutor Center.
  - Working with Speaker Yano to have Freenters come and speak to senate the second meeting after our freshmen senators are elected.
    - Background: The Freenters initiative was first brought to SGLC last year. Rho Kook (the co-founder of Freenters) came as a guest speaker to Senate and pitched to us what Freenters was all about. Basically, Freenters allows for students to have free printing in exchange for printing a page of ads every couple pages, as well as after the first page. Freenters pays the university whatever students would be paying for printing, so I don't believe that the school would be losing any money. The ads are from both local businesses as well as national chains, and they are tailored for students. The university has the ability to control and review each ad that is published, so that if any ads don't fit the school's profile, they can reject them.
Senator Guerrero and I have been in contact about implementing LIT into the UNIV 101 courses. Senator Guerrero spoke to Kristi Beltran who is one of the Lead Peer Advisors this year. To his knowledge, Kristi had a meeting with Elizabeth Reynders who is the Academic Advisor that oversees the PA program. He found out today that PAs are not allowed to have guest speakers come into their meetings this year, however they are willing to present the information themselves. Working with the Communications team to create an updated powerpoint, detailed action plan, and flyer that can be sent to the PA team.

Senator Henderson and I have a meeting scheduled with Joan Holden (Wellness Center) next Thursday 9/13 at 2:30p to discuss an updated referral system for students with medical conditions.

Still awaiting an update on ASL courses due to the search for a qualified professor.

Plans to discuss Phoenix article “Campus Safety Stopped and Frisked Mostly Minorities and Mostly Innocent People in the Last Two Years” by Michael McDevitt at the next senate meeting. To view the article, click here.

**Allocations Committee: Senator Lopez**

On Thursday, September 6, The Allocations Committee was holding open house hours and made a brief appearance at the monthly Campus Activity Network meeting to promote the open house hours. The committee advised representatives from several organizations and helped them with their budget submissions.

Budgets for Registered Student Organizations were due on Friday, September 7 at 5:00 pm. The committee received 63 budgets which is on the higher end for a SPOT cycle. We will work this week to review the budget requests and prepare for hearings which will be held on Sunday, September 16.

**Facilities and Transportation Committee: Senator Maley**

Hello all! Senator McGuire has reached out to Bill Curtain regarding the picnic table legislation, he has not heard back yet but he will be reaching out again shortly. Senator Metz continues to research information about the shuttle app in hopes to find ways to improve it. Senator Hummel will be reaching out to administration regarding having water fountains outside on campus. I have reached out to Dawn Collins through email, in this I communicated the initiative Bobby Griffin is implementing called The Kettle Food Pantry, I asked about where space would be for this initiative and am still waiting for a reply. I have also reached out to Elise Caropreso, the point of connect for SAC, to set up a meeting in the future. She communicated with me
saying that she is very busy at the moment but looks forward to setting up a meeting towards the end of this month or beginning of October. Thank you!

**Justice Committee: Senator Ahmed**

Hi Y’all! This week we have made a lot of progress in our current initiatives. Senator Mifsud met with the SEA on Wednesday to strategize for the meeting with Wayne Magdziarz and David Beall which will be held on Tuesday concerning the RePower initiative and the next steps to take. Senator Mifsud also emailed Kathleen Altonji about the re-cap and gown initiative and is waiting for a response.

Senator Gurriero met with Phil Hale this week and got more information about the voter registration campaign. Right now the goal is to get as many students as possible registered. Phil Hale also said he would be willing to come in to Senate as a guest speaker to talk more about the future of the voter registration campaign. Senator Guerrero also met with Co-President of the BCC, Jocelyn Dillard about BCC having their own voter registration and found that there was a lot of overlap between what the BCC wants to do and what is currently underway. In addition, Senator Guerrero is working on communicating with RSO’s that would also like to participate in initiatives like the voter registration campaign.

Senator Glab had phone call with Dean Rodriguez to learn more about the Transgender Taskforce. In addition Senator Glab is also reaching out to TPAN about joining Howard Brow for his/sti testing and a Prep prescribing event.

Senator Ahmed has a meeting set up with CEDIO Taylor Thomas Tuesday afternoon to discuss new initiatives and how the Justice Committee can better work with her position as CEDIO. In addition Senator Ahmed will also be attending a STARS mentoring meeting on Monday to plug SGLC and to make personal connections with students involved in the program.

In a joint collaboration Senator Rodenbaugh, Senator Glab, and Senator Ahmed are working on a new initiative concerning free speech areas on/around campus and a way to let RSO’s and non-RSO’s about their rights on campus. Senator Glab has already began research into Loyola’s policies and is working to make sure we understand what can and can’t be changed. Over all this has been a really successful week in the Justice Committee and we are really excited to see all the initiatives in action.

**RCDC Committee: Senator Drescher**

Senator Abuhasna received information back from Sameer Sawaqued on the Farm Fresh vending machines, and unfortunately, he has been left out of the loop on the finalities of this initiative. We are hopeful that this will still take place but also need to balance our communication with administrators so they’re not receiving emails from several different sources on the same topic.
Senator Mooney heard back from SAC regarding the plastic straw ban. They have not received complaints or concerns from their students but considering that it doesn’t seem like this ban is in full swing yet, we will continue to keep conversations open with them to ensure that ALL students’ needs are being accommodated.

Senator Zahra has kept communication open with the commuters, we will be on standby to assist in any of their upcoming events.

Now that 25live is back up, and once we have our set committees and meeting times, we will begin to discuss how and when and where we will be tabling for the semester.

I have been in communication with Mary Jo Banks from ITS regarding some complications with the printers. Some of the residence halls are not submitting the packing slip back to her to ensure that the supplies have arrived. I’ve sent a number of emails reminding them but have received no response so I will be stopping by in person today (9/9/18) to remind them.

I also met with CSO Weathers to discuss some of our initiatives for the year to see where we can partner up moving forward.

**Safety and Wellness Committee: Senator Henderson**

This week, Senator Siddiqui and I will be meeting with Advisor Love to discuss our proposed enhancements to Campus Safety’s reporting process outside of the Clery Act. These include providing resources to other crime reporting and blanket reporting of certain crimes within a certain radius of campus. Senator Robinson and I are also meeting with Joan Holden of the Wellness center to discuss the issue of non-referral of cases to outside sources. I will keep Senate informed of any updates that come about from these. Also, our committee is prepared for a referral from Senator Robinson of the allegations against Campus Safety regarding their “stop and frisk” practices. We are looking forward to our new members! Stay safe and stay well!

**Fall Elections Special Committee: Senator McGuire**

Since last week’s meeting, the candidate list for the Fall 2018 Election has been finalized to include 19 freshman students, whose Statements of Candidacy have been uploaded to https://luc.edu/sglc/elections/fall2018elections/

After the end of the application period, the committee has overseen the campaigning period, approving the election materials submitted by the candidates for use on campus. As of the writing of this report, we have not had to deny any materials as submitted by the candidates, nor have we had any concerns raised over materials seen on campus.

The voting period will begin at 12 AM on Monday, September 10th and continue for 48 hours. The results of the election will be made public on Wednesday, September 13th. The chair has been coordinating with Advisor Love to ensure that the ballots are ready to launch with all the
correct information. The precise method of announcing the winners of the election has not yet been discussed.