



09/01/2020, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:35 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: Senator Walsh
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at __ PM
- IV. Advisors' and Chaplain's Reports
 - A. Advisors
 1. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 - a. Father Michael stated that there is an opportunity to go on a silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Burlington, Illinois from October 16th – 18th. President Drescher went last year. It is three days where you will have a lot of time to reflect and a few talks. It will be centered around the fall and how to be calm in the mix of a storm. It is \$50 but scholarships are available. Transportation will be provided if needed. This is not a Catholic or Christian retreat, do not feel that you have to be religious to feel welcome.
 2. Advisor (**Dean Manzano/Rodriguez**)
 - a. Dean Manzano stated that he is looking forward to the retreat and to the ballot for First-Year Elections. We are using a different system for elections, but it will still be sent my mail.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. None at this time.
- VI. New Business & Discussion
 - A. Joseph Kosman stated that he is a First-Year student from Detroit, MI. He wants to address recent protests arising surrounding Black Lives Matter on campus. There has been a lot of discontent and division recently in the community surrounding the Chicago Police Department and their presence on campus. He calls on us all as elected representatives at the school to recognize that Black Lives Matter. It is no longer a movement that can be ignored on campus. You have students coming out daily for the past week protesting and becoming victims themselves of police brutality. Black Lives Matter is a decentralized movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience and protest against incidents of police brutality and racially motivated violence against black people. You have students like me who have spent hours on the streets of Chicago and have spent nights in front of police precincts just for the sake of reform. We have an administration that will send out infographics and emails but refuses to examine the root of the problem. And then they choose to show up to gatherings for the sake of false promises and change. You are an elected entity that is supposed to represent the students. You should be by the students, for the students, and of the students. The Student Government response to civil response back in May stands as nothing more than words on paper. Actions are what speaks louder. When you have students facing the risk of suspension or expulsion for the sake of human rights, one must ask, who is Loyola truly working for? Who do you serve? What do you serve for? Where is the student support? Where is compassion, the empathy, the humanity? Where is the representation? As I look around the room, we need more black representation. Their population on campus is who needs a voice at the table surrounding these issues. He comes not as a student wanting to give a lecture but as a student who wants to see the campus become better for all. This is no longer an issue that can be ignored. It is no longer another newsletter or statement to send out. You must create action; you must do better. He is only one voice and one student, but there are over 3,089 students who fell the same way, who want real change, and real concise action. It is time to stand for the community to serve. It is time for you to be together in Loyola.
 - B. Senator Bronec stated that she is the Chair of the Justice Committee. She agrees with what was said and hears the students. As an individual, she is out there with everyone and continues to be. She wanted to make a few connections there and assert that when we are talking about the Black Rambler experience, we want to center their

voices. We as SGLC want to see more representation of black students in SGLC. We want them to be centered in meetings with administrators. All of these things, she wanted to make a comment that these conversations have begun with administrators. It is nowhere near where it needs to be, however they have begun conversations. The SGLC has made several statements throughout the summer and one within the last week. We have also signed onto the BCC Action Items in support of black students.

- C. President Drescher stated thank you for speaking on your behalf about these protests. Action is what follows and as we just returned to session with our Senate where legislation will arise. She does not want to speak on behalf of the senators, but she knows of conversations and legislation in the works. We have seen from University communication the emphasis on working with RSOs or recognized organizations as well. We also have to identify SGLC's role here as well as to not usurp the conversation with cutting ties with CPD. Many students understand with disregard to legal obligations that the university might have but there are also a number of nuances in that relationship as well. This marks a conversation on how to minimize that relationship. There are conversations that are happening, and they are researching that. We need to know what specifics asks to take that is reminiscent of both the Action Items and black students. They have also made sure that the Action Items have crossed the desk of various administrators. It's about what's next. In identifying those areas and nuances where we can minimize that relationship in terms of cutting all ties as what students have called for.
- D. Senator Mallory stated that in order to talk about it, you have to do something about it. She is one of the few out there on campus who has been protesting out there for multiple days. It has been a very impactful experience especially being a black student and seeing the whole traction grow bigger within that short amount of time. We need to continue advocating especially for those who are considered allies. There are only a few of us that can advocate. We are just students and we need as much support as we can get to reach these achievements to make Loyola better in regard to supporting their black students, staff, and faculty.
- E. Senator Harrison stated that this needs to be acknowledged in general. Since we have been putting out these statements, we are in full support of this movement, to want the students to have been doing, to what the students at the protests have been doing. We will be taking action. Unfortunately, things like this take time. Doing good things take time. You will be seeing more.
- F. Joseph Kosman stated that he has talked to former senators and representatives about BLM at Loyola. We need action. I understand it takes time. In action speaks words. He hopes to see action in the next few weeks. We need clear and decisive action.
- G. Legislative Branch
 - 1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that he has spent a lot of time on Fall Elections. Some of the projects that he thought would be on hold due to changes in various departments such as the LGBTQIA+ Learning Community can proceed this year. He is still waiting on new members.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that appeals are due for SBR. All SBR funds have been reclaimed to the SAF for this semester. If RSOs feel as though their virtual events still need that funding, they can submit that appeal up to September 4th. Those decisions will be out by September 9th. On September 11th, SPOT 1 forms are due. September 19th is SPOT 1 hearings, and the following Wednesday will be decisions. They are currently in the process of setting up appointments and office hours for before SPOT 1 is due.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Khan**)
 - i. Senator Khan stated that everything is in the written report. Their weekly committee meeting is going to be on Fridays at 4:00 PM. They will be discussing future plans for the semester.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that this past weekend was a lot. It was infuriating and disheartening. She hopes that as an individual you can continue to show up to these protests. She wants to recognize the organizers Our Streets LUC giving them space as well. Please remember as students to live by our Jesuit values. Our committee will meet again next week.
 - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated to make sure you have checked out the demands of Our Streets LUC and to sign off on them. As far as RCDC, my committee has not met since it is just Senator Schmidt and herself. After Fall Elections, they will be setting up a meeting time. Senator Bronec and her are finalizing the presentation for the legislation they are working on.
 - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report. If there are any questions, please let him know. They are meeting tomorrow. CHWO Siddiqui and himself will be meeting with BCC on Thursday.
 - 2. Special Committees
 - a. Fall Elections (**Senator Palmer**)

- i. Senator Palmer stated that they have been busy with candidate meetings. They are finalizing the ballot list right now which will be sent off soon. Campaign period starts at 12:01 AM. Thank you for everyone's help in this.

H. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)

1. CJ Mooney stated that all of Judicial are here as resources to go through technical parts of legislation. They want to work with everyone. If you want to reach out, please do so. They will also have office hours at 5:30 PM on Friday.

I. Executive Branch

1. CHWO Siddiqui stated that most of her updates are in the written report. The Wellness Center is a resource through this week. Dial-A-Nurse is there for a referral. If you want to talk to anyone call Dial-A-Nurse to be linked with someone.
2. ACO Esparza stated that for National Suicide Month they have partnered with the Wellness Center, Howard Brown, and hopefully SDMA to host a webinar to talk about resources and services they have. As soon as marketing comes out, please share it on your social media.
3. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. VP Flores stated that he is super excited for the weekend they are going to have. VP Neufeld will be speaking and Dr. Manning from the Provost's Office as well. The full agenda will be sent out soon.
 - b. VP Flores stated that IFTJ is a fantastic organization and opportunity to advance and build your advocacy skills. Details are in their report.
 - c. VP Flores stated they do have a couple of meetings with VP Neufeld and will also have two presentations with Board of Trustees next week. They will be presenting to the Student Success Committee and Investment subcommittee with CSO Hoyos to start the divestment conversation.
 - d. VP Flores stated that they want to keep highlighting the Board of Undergraduate Studies. If there is anyone interested, there is a space for a LUPE representative as well.
 - e. VP Flores stated to remember to pay attention on who you can speak on behalf of. Please remember that you cannot speak on behalf of your organization. You can speak on your role and as a student. Please reach out if you would ever like to speak to a media host.
 - f. President Drescher stated that in regard to previous conversation we just had, legislation is the way to go. You can see through University communication there is an emphasis on working with elected/established student organizations. Our role is to lobby on behalf of undergraduate students. We are not Execs signing our name, but we do advocate. More namely, legislation is the route to take. The other avenue is in regard to SGLC's approach by the demands made by Our Streets LUC and the action items from BCC. SGLC's role in this is to understand University structure and to understand the nuance of things as much as we may not want to. With something like cutting ties with CPD, our role is not to usurp the protest demands. Our role in that is to acknowledge where they came from, to center those voices, recognize our position, and identify the nuance of the relationship through research and conversation. There are avenues that are necessary as means of the law. If we identify those and clarify them, it can help more people understand this, including administration. There are layers to what the ask can be and where we can do that legwork. We are elected and what we view our role to be is that it is our responsibility as a representative to understand University structure.
 - g. VP Flores stated that we have been talking to administration since June. If you are mad, frustrated, and tired, it is okay to harbor those thoughts. Your job and responsibility to the students has never been more important. Please use that as the driving force. It is frustrating, and this is our time to do something.
 - h. President Drescher stated that she is working on doing research with senators on the relationship the University has with CPD. There are laws surrounding this. For those of us that aspire to be allies in a space, this is a place to not remain silent. We have a weekly forum to discuss and engage in those discussions as to approaches we can advocate. Use this space well and responsibly. Center those voices but do not be afraid to speak up.
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that she wants to take personal responsibility with this since she has spoken about Our Streets LUC in her reports. She is taking responsibility that there is more work to be done. There is growth here and we do have a role here as elected representatives for the undergraduate students.
 - j. VP Flores stated they are not scolding the organization. This is where we can build branches in the organization and move it in a productive direction.
 - k. President Drescher stated that we are also in the midst of a global pandemic. We have a unique opportunity to do some very great things and take meaningful action of departments and administration. This is a moment we cannot miss. This is not punitive. This is a call for all of us. Why are you still here wanting to do this work in the midst of a global pandemic while taking virtual classes. Take the connections we have and use them.
 - l. President Drescher stated that in terms of the worsening global pandemic, this was included with materials last week, we do not have access to the office. In acknowledging both the University's

policies and SGLC's ethic code, we are bound by local, state, and federal law. Please wear your mask and do not party. Do not post about it because if someone were to report that you will face disciplinary at the Loyola level and with SGLC. If there are any questions, please reach out.

VII. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM