

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



01/26/2021, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Call to Order at 4:30 PM
  - B. All Present
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
  - A. None at this time.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. No Amendments Made
  - B. Minutes are approved at 4:34 PM
- IV. Advisors' Reports
  - A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
    1. None at this time.
  - B. Advisor (**Dean Sheenan & Rodriguez**)
    1. Dean Sheenan stated that if there are any meetings that you want to sit in on, please send her an email.
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. None at this time.
- VI. New Business & Discussion
  - A. Internal Elections
    1. Speaker O'Brien reviewed Internal Election procedure.
    2. Noah Akins, Trinity Bauer, Emaad Masroor, Divya Patel, and Rohan Sethi spoke on their statements of candidacy and answered questions proposed by the Senate.
    3. Motion to close the floor to all non-SGLC members approved.
    4. *Floor closed at 5:39 PM.*
    5. Motion to open the floor to all non-SGLC members approved.
    6. *Floor opened at 6:35PM.*
  - B. Spring 2021 SPOT 1 Presentation (**Senator Doyle**)
    1. Senator Doyle stated that there were 15 requests from 11 organizations. They had a budget of \$45,200 for SPOT 1. This is less than they normally get and she asked their interim advisor about it and she said they would look into it. The total requested for this cycle was \$12,694.33 which was 28% of the budget. They had a 78% approval rate of \$7,639.17. They ran into issues with documentation and non-fundable products. If there are any questions, let her know.
  - C. Rambler Alliance for Equity (**Senator Brist**)
    1. Senator Brist wanted to inform everyone on the Rambler Alliance for Equity initiative that she is leading with Senator Bronec and CCO Carfagno. They are looking for 4-5 more Senators or Executive members to join their group. This initiative was created by Athletics Department at Loyola and SGLC has been establishing a partnership with Director Brian Day, the Head of Marketing and Ticket Operations in Athletics, in order to collaborate on this initiative. This initiative is committed to the ideal of social justice through policies and practices based on inclusion and equity. Last semester, the Athletics Department was able to bring in social justice educators and speakers, create a voter registration initiative, and more. If you are interested in joining our group or have any ideas, please contact her.
- VII. Internal Reports
  - A. Legislative Branch
    1. Standing Committees
      - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
        - i. Senator Palmer stated that everything is in the report. Their meeting time is from 5:00 – 6:00 PM on Mondays.
      - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
        - i. Senator Doyle stated that Senators Riopedre and Kwak are putting together their legislation. Please reach out if interested to look at it before it hits the floor.
      - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Carberry**)
        - i. Senator Carberry stated that everything is in the report.
      - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
        - i. Senator Bronec stated that everything is in the report.
      - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
        - i. Senator Caputo stated that she is meeting with Commuters Student Life. Let her know if you want to mention anything or sit in.
      - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
        - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report. If you want to look at Senators Riopedre and Kwak's legislation, please reach out. There is promotion for the self-defense classes in the

report, please share that if you can. The Wellness Center also shared resources, please look and share those as well.

2. Special Committees
  - a. Budget Committee (**Senator Riopedre**)
    - i. Senator Riopedre stated that they had their first meeting. Their semester meeting times will be on Tuesdays 12:00 – 1:00 PM. They will be reaching out to all committees to get opinions.
  - b. Governance Committee (**Senator Kwak**)
    - i. Senator Kwak stated that everything is in the report. They had their first meeting last week. Please reach out to her or anyone else with ideas/recommendations.
  - c. Spring Elections Committee (**Chairperson Joe Walsh & Senator Richards**)
    - i. Senator Richards stated that the dates for the election cycle are in the report. The election packets will be out by March 1<sup>st</sup>. They are allocating tasks this Wednesday when they meet.
- B. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)
  1. In report, established office hours for semester
- C. Executive Branch
  1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
    - a. VP Flores stated that he shared the draft of the Shared Governance draft. It is in the final draft process so please take a look at it and review it. Please send any comments and recommendations by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - b. VP Flores stated that the VP of Advancement reached out to us to attend the all-staff meeting. President Drescher BoT Representative Morris, and himself will be presenting. If you want something on the agenda, let them know.
    - c. President Drescher stated that the last day of this term is April 6<sup>th</sup>. That Tuesday is the transition meeting. Any final pieces of legislation are submitted two weeks prior. Make sure to reach out to any admin or departments to communicate with them as well.
    - d. President Drescher stated that they got an email about Missouri Valley Conference Coalition. We sit in the JSGA which as served us well. They have tried with the Chicagoland Coalition before, but it did not work out. She will be attending the first meeting to see what goes on with the mindset that it will be an exchange of thoughts, not committing us to anything.
    - e. President Drescher stated that there is a Meet Your Alderman event this Thursday. There is also a retreat geared at first years coming up. It is the first and only 360 retreat. This information will be included with the minutes.
  2. CHWO Siddiqui stated that on Thursday from 11:00 – 11:45 AM, there is a joining conversation with Stritch School of Medicine and dr. Fauci. Throughout the week there are also events through the Wellness Center listed on the website. The Tobacco-Free, Vape-Free, and Smoke-Free piece also passed at University Senate.
  3. CoS Dervishi stated that the events presented earlier count toward engagement requirement. There is going to be a weekly meetup program for community engagement. The link is in the report. She needs the meeting times from Chairs so she can put it on the calendar. Inservice is on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  4. COO Prag stated that she had just a couple of things regarding emails/materials you want to send in. There have been some issues this past week regarding information and materials that people want to send out in the weekly emails. Anything you would like to include with the Senate materials has to be sent to her and Speaker O'Brien by 4:00 pm on Sunday. This includes information or topics that you want on the agenda. This does not mean that you text either Speaker O'Brien or herself at 8:00 PM on Monday asking to add something to the agenda. This is outlined in the Articles so and with it being halfway through this term should not be an issue. Anything you would like to include with the minutes needs to be sent to her by noon on Thursday. This way she have enough time to compile everything and send it out on time. Also, please indicate in the subject that you want it included with the materials/minutes that way it doesn't get lost in their inbox. Also if you are sending her something, please send it to her yourself. There have been a couple of times where different people are emailing her things that they aren't even directly involved in. For example, Chairs should not be emailing her messages or documents that you want me to include in the materials or the email. She has also gotten several emails and documents without any context and have had to spend time trying to figure that out. You can cc your Chair or anyone else involved if you would like, but you need to send her the email directly with information on what it is that you are sending her and what you want her to do with it. Something as simple as 'Here is a document/message about an initiative that I am working on. Could you please include this with materials/in your email?' Please let her know if you have any concerns or questions about this
  5. CSO Hoyos stated that the climate conference is coming up. More information can be found here: <https://www.luc.edu/sustainability/initiatives/climatechangeconference/>
  6. ACO Esparza stated that if anyone is joining the book discussion with Congressman John Lewis, please let her know.
  7. CEDIO Thomas stated that there are several Black History Month events coming up which can be found here: <https://www.luc.edu/diversityandinclusion/odiprograms/celebratingblackhistory/>. The College of Arts and Sciences is also hosting talks, more information can be found here:

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8. Speaker O'Brien stated that the Legislation Workshop is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are writing legislation, she expects that you are there.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM