

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING**  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**  
**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Link:** <https://luc.zoom.us/j/85022699988>

**Senators Present:** Whelton Miller, Bill Adams, Matt Williams, Alyson Paige Warren, Minerva Ahumada, Cara Foster, Matt Hejna, Mark Torrez, Stacey Jakska, Teryn Robinson, Lauren Schwer, Rachel Leamon, Abby Abuya, Bridie Hulsebosch, Evan Nave, Casey Welby, Conner Scholze, Oliver Schramm, Ben Bryan, Lisa Marie Thomas, Sophie Buchman, Emily Barman, Teresa Krafcisin, Thomas Kelly, Margaret Callahan (*ex officio*), Jim Devery (*ex officio*), Keith Champagne (*ex officio*), Janice Parks (*ex officio*)

**Absent:** Noah Butler, Nery Pineda, Josh Jarvi, Lisa Gillespie

**Quorum (14 needed):** 24 present at the start of the meeting; quorum is satisfied.

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Chair Ahumada called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

**I. Review of the preliminary agenda and call for motions to amend**

- a) Sen. Buchman motioned to remove the Gender Housing Resolution item from the agenda. Sen. Nave seconded the motion.
  - i. The motion to remove the item from the agenda passed with a vote of 19 yays, 0 nays, and 3 abstains.
- b) Sen. Jaska motioned the Executive Committee elections up in the agenda to the Gender Housing Resolution item spot. Sen. Buchman seconded the motion.
- c) Sen. Williams motioned to amend Sen. Jaska’s motion to move Presentations on the Senate Committee items into the Gender Housing Resolution slot, followed by the Small Group Discussion item, and then the Executive Committee elections so people can learn about the committees before the elections.
  - i. The motion to change the agenda items order was passed by a vote of 18 yays, 0 nays, and 2 abstains.

**II. Approval of minutes from the April 5, 2024, meeting**

- a) Sen Williams motions to approve minutes.
  - i. Motion to approve minutes passes by 18 yays, 0 nays, and 2 abstains.

**III. Chair Report**

- a) Faculty senators within the ad hoc committee to review the Faculty Handbook changes passed their feedback to Markeda Newell and approved to recommend the proposed modifications. They wanted to see a continual discussion to make other improvements to the handbook so it doesn’t lag as much as it has in the past and is kept more up-to-date.
- b) Zip-ups will be here soon for senators and will be dispersed once they have arrived.
- c) Elections for new faculty and staff senators ran smoothly. Student elections will continue, but all faculty and staff will be elected.

- d) There is a new proposal from the Stritch School of Medicine, so senators serving during the 2024-2025 AY will be contacted about having a summer Senate meeting to review and vote on the proposal.

**IV. Proposal to modify the policy for the Advanced Placement Precalculus Credit by Exam. (Department of Mathematics and Statistics CAS)**

- a) Dr. Peter Tingley gave an informational presentation on a proposal to modify the policy of credit regarding the AP Precalculus class.
  - i. The department proposes to accept a score of a 4 or a 5 on the AP Precalculus exam as credit for MATH 118. A committee has determined that the exam's content is thorough and covers the material included in MATH 118. They believe the proposed policy aligns with other similar AP exam situations.

**V. Presentation on the roles of the Senate Committees**

- a) The heads of each committee presented a brief synopsis of the purpose and goals of each committee:
  - i. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: Sen. Williams was chair of the DEI committee. Spent year getting bearings after the Supreme Court ruling. Spoke to the head of DEI and how this looks at Loyola. The committee invited the head of DEI at Loyola to talk about their strategic plan. The committee hopes to figure out how the Senate can help to improve DEI at Loyola next year.
  - ii. Bylaws and Elections Committee: Sen. Kelly spoke about how the committee proposes to change the Senate bylaws and is also in charge of elections. Bylaws changed a few years ago. Elections are held every year.
  - iii. Budget and Strategic Planning Committee: Sen. Krafcsin said the committee will typically invite the CFO and assist other committees with finance and budgeting questions.
  - iv. Faculty Affairs and Staff Affairs Committee: Sen. Leamon spoke about how the committee brings faculty and staff concerns to the Senate. They do research and make recommendations to the Senate for resolutions. They invited the new head of HR to ask about her new strategic plan. She is willing to work with the Senate and committees in the future. Student reps are allowed on the committee.
  - v. Academic Affairs and Research Committee: Sen. Hejna talked about how the committee sometimes invites the Vice Provost of Research to speak on the status of research at Loyola. It needs to be revamped for next year and wants more participation of LSC.
  - vi. Student Development and Success Committee: Sen. Butler is chair of student development and success. Sen. Barman spoke about how the committee identified pressing challenges for students and identified speakers to come to the Senate to talk about the strategies that can be used to address those challenges.
  - vii. Sen. Williams mentioned that new senators can do many things besides sitting on committees. They can invite speakers, propose and vote on resolutions, and participate in committees.

## **VI. Small Group Discussion by Campus**

### **VII. 2023-2024 Senate Executive Committee Elections**

- a) Sen. Williams motioned for EC members to amend the agenda and have EC members give a brief description of each position and vote after the presentation on student support. Sen. Schwer seconded the motion.
  - i. The motion passed with a vote of 19 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstains.
- b) Elections for Chair
  - i. Sen Hejna nominated Sen. Ahumada. Sen. Kelly seconded the nomination. Chair Ahumada accepted the nomination.
    1. Sen. Ahumada is elected with a vote of 21 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstains.
- c) Nominations for vice chair
  - i. Sen. Kelly nominated Sen. Schwer. Sen. Schramm seconded the nomination. Sen. Schwer accepted the nomination.
  - ii. Sen. Miller nominated Sen. Hejna. Sen Nave seconded the nomination. Sen. Hejna declined the nomination.
    1. Sen. Schwer was elected vice chair with a vote of 19 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstains.
- d) Nominations for Secretary
  - i. Sen. Nave self-nominated. Sen. Williams seconded the nomination.
  - ii. Sen. Miller nominated Sen. Hulsebosch. Sen. Hejna seconded the nomination. Sen. Hulsebosch declines the nomination.
  - iii. Sen. Alvarado self-nominated, and Sen. Warren seconded the nomination.
    1. Sen. Alvarado is elected Secretary with a vote of 12, and Sen. Nave with a vote of 5.
- e) Nominations for Secretary *pro temp*
  - i. Sen. Hejna nominated Sen. Miller. Sen. Schwer seconded the nomination. Sen. Miller accepted the nomination.
    1. Sen. Miller is elected Secretary *pro temp* by a vote of 18 yays, 0 nays, and 0 abstains.

### **VIII. Presentation, Student Social Support**

- a) Ms. Beltran was invited to give a presentation about the Student Social Support available at the University
  - i. There are 3 centers for support:
    1. Rambler Brotherhood Project
      - a. The mentorship project offers many opportunities for involvement.
    2. Center for diversity and inclusion
      - a. Open to all students with many initiatives for POC, LGBTQ, first-gen students, and undocumented students—lots of social support and development programs.
    3. Center for black student excellence

- a. Provides resources and social support. Welcome Week activities, Black History Month events, series throughout the year, and community space.
  - ii. Multiple programs included in the Center for Student Engagement:
    - 1. Commuter student life:
      - a. Resource room for students, ambassadors, meal plans, and locker rentals.
    - 2. Department of Programming
      - a. A student-led organization committed to serving on and off-campus events.
    - 3. Leadership Program
      - a. Spring seminar exploring leadership skills with a Jesuit lens and building community on campus. Provide strategies and tools for leadership.
    - 4. Registered Student Organizations (RSOs):
      - a. 180 RSOs, including academic, cultural, media, hobby, political, service, and religious. Students can work with the campus activities network. Student organizations are very active, and there is a funding model for them.
    - 5. Sorority and fraternity life
  - iii. Support for graduate professional and adult student life
    - 1. Programming on all 3 campuses
  - iv. Special events that provide student support throughout the year
    - 1. Finals Breakfast
    - 2. Senior Send Off
    - 3. Welcome Week
  - v. LUC Community is a platform for student organizations. Orgs can use it for membership and calendars, and students can use it to find new organizations to join.

b) Discussion:

- i. Sen. Nave asks if there are more initiatives to expand specific student life organizations, such as fraternities for undergrads to graduate students.
  - 1. Ms. Beltran says allowing the organization's national headquarters determine graduate students in organizations like fraternities. However, there are graduate student frats. Resources for grad and undergrad students are coming together instead of duplicating. This project is currently underway. They are also looking to expand outreach for grad students for student organizations that allow grad students.
- ii. Sen. Williams mentions that a non-traditional undergrad felt very socially isolated and asked if there were resources for those students.
  - 1. Ms. Beltran mentions that the Adult part of graduate, professional, and adult continuing studies is for adults and non-traditional students in an undergrad program. That is where they can connect with non-traditional students. There are also organizations and

departments specific to veteran services that provide many resources.

- iii. Sen. Williams asks if there are any hiccups for students in specific constituencies, for example, organizations that are advertised for POC students or LGBTQ.
  - 1. It has always been the case since the Civil Rights Act was passed where groups can't discriminate against who joins. The organizations can have a targeted audience; however, anyone can join these groups.
- iv. Sen. Dumm asks about outreach for HSC since these are not as well known for HSC.
  - 1. These partnerships will be improved, and programs will be accessible for students at both HSC and WTC. They are hoping to create a culture for students on each campus.

**IX. Discussion: New meeting schedule**

- a) A new schedule and meeting time was proposed to change meetings to the first Wednesday of the month starting the 2024-2025 AY.
  - i. Potential 2024-2025 meeting dates if meetings remain on Fridays:

<b>EC meetings</b>	<b>General Senate meetings</b>
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>

- b) Discussion:
  - i. Sen. Williams wants to discuss it but wants to wait to vote until new student senators are present. The vote on changing meeting dates will be held off until the next school year.
  - ii. Sen. Hejna says the Friday meeting time is challenging to find people to run because 3 pm on Fridays is a hard time motivating people to want to attend. He believes Friday evenings are tough, and another meeting time will be better.
  - iii. Sen. Williams finds it hard for faculty on Wednesdays because planning for classes can take a while for Thursdays. Friday mornings may be easier compared to Friday and Wednesday evenings.
  - iv. Sen. Bryan says 3-5 on Wednesdays can be difficult for students due to class times. Other commitments can get in the way and are commonly scheduled for Wed. evenings. Changing meeting times for 2025-2026 AY may be better to adjust schedules with the change for students running.
  - v. Sen. Abuya thinks moving it to another day of the week could be restrictive for students because of a heavier class load Mon-Thurs. Few students have scheduled classes on Friday afternoons.

1. Sen. Buchman seconds Sen. Abuya and says Fridays help work-life balance.

Sen. Williams motioned to adjourn. Sen. Joyce seconded the motion.

Chair Ahumada adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, BMH 05/14/2024*

### **Senate Meeting Schedule for Academic Year 2023-24**

#### General Assembly Meetings

• <del>September 29</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>October 27</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>December 1</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>February 2</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>March 1</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>April 5</del>	<del>3:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>April 26</del>	<del>3:00-5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>

#### Executive Committee Meetings

• <del>September 15</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>October 13</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>November 17</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>January 19</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>February 16</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>March 22</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>
• <del>April 12</del>	<del>4:00 5:00 pm</del>	<del>Zoom</del>