



09/26/2019, 7:00 PM  
SGLC Office (Damen 210), Lake Shore Campus  
Steering Committee Minutes

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Call to Order at 7:05 PM
  - B. All Present
    1. Not Present: ACO Nelson, Senator Jefferson, ACO Stefanic, CCO Martinez, Arrupe College Liaison Villazana
- II. Check Ins
- III. Future Meetings (**President Meis**)
  - A. President Meis stated she wants to hear feedback on whether the meetings will be a good step moving forward. She thinks it will be a good idea to have everyone in the same room moving toward the approach of organizational goals. She stated she wants to use this space to see how the organization stands on certain issues.
- IV. Organizational Goals (**Speaker Drescher**)
  - A. Speaker Drescher stated that they wanted to take this time because they have all the Committee Chairs and Executive in the same room to go through organizational goals beyond just the pillars that were laid out and through the specific initiatives. We can start prioritizing them according to committees and assign them, so everyone has clear responsibilities moving forward. A committee may have seven items assigned to them; we are not expecting the committee to do all of those things on. Everyone has a voice this, take these back to your committee and discuss them to see where their energy is and prioritize them. This way there is a level of accountability moving forward and can appoint people to certain initiatives. For example, with the blue lights at WTC, there is an argument that it can go multiple places, this is a working discussion, a lot of these fall in safety but it will not only fall on safety. So evenly distributing them so one committee is not feeling the weight of an entire organizational goal. It is an organizational goal so we should all play a part in it. So, for blue lights, it can be split up between Safety & Wellness and Facilities & Transportation.
  - B. Senator Siddiqui asked that if it is in the works can we write who the people are.
    1. Speaker Drescher stated yes.
  - C. CoS Carfagno stated that Committee Chairs are the voice of their committee members, so if they know who is working on these initiatives and are passionate about it to put their name up no matter what committee they are in. For example, Senator Yano is passionate about Active Shooter Drills, but she is in the Academic Affairs Committee. Basically, be mindful of your committee members and advocate for them.
  - D. Speaker Drescher stated that Executive members can also participate in these organizational goals.
  - E. President Meis stated that these can be a collaboration. For example, for the blue lights on WTC, Safety & Wellness and Facilities & Transportation can work together.
  - F. Senator Siddiqui stated there are two people from each of their committees working on the issue.
  - G. President Meis stated that she wanted all of Executive here. AG Barbieri and CFO Noriega have roles that are more operational, but you can still be passionate about and work on initiatives. If there is something that you want to work on, feel free to participate you are part of this discussion.
  - H. Speaker Drescher we are assigning these to specific people if we know they are working on it.
  - I. Safety and Wellness
    1. Active Shooter Drills
      - a. President Meis stated Senator Yano is working on this.
      - b. Senator Siddiqui stated she is also working with Safety & Wellness.
    2. Self-Defense Classes at Halas Recreation Center
      - a. Senator Siddiqui stated that they were talking about prioritizing this within the committee, but it fell through the cracks. If there is room, they will discuss it again.

- b. President Meis stated that this is what the space is going to be used for, to have discussions like this. If you have discussed with your committee for this, we can put a strike through it and keep it in the back of our minds.
    - c. Speaker Drescher stated that Senator Guloy-Finklea was looking into improvements in the weight room at Halas and it could be connected.
  - 3. Educational workshops about the Clery Act and Title IX
    - a. President Meis stated she would work on this to help facilitate conversations with Tim Love as well as Safety & Wellness.
  - 4. Increase frequency and expand the range of the Crime Alert System
    - a. President Meis stated that Senator Siddiqui and herself will be working on this.
  - 5. Advocate for more diversity in experience and identities in the Campus Safety Department
    - a. President Meis stated that some of these are a little vague and may be difficult to assign people to.
    - b. Speaker Drescher asked if this is something that Justice and CEDIO would want to work on.
    - c. Senator Alvarez agreed and asked Senator Siddiqui if she would be willing to have them at one of the meetings with Campus Safety.
    - d. Senator Siddiqui stated that even if they want their own meeting that can be something that can be arranged.
    - e. President Meis stated that the first step could be to figure out the data on what the diversity is currently.
- J. Wellness
  - 1. Advocate for more funding for the Wellness Center
    - a. Senator Siddiqui stated that Senator Schmid is working on this with Senator Walsh.
    - b. Senator Alvarez stated that Senator Tait also wanted to work on this.
    - c. Senator Siddiqui stated that Senator Walsh has a meeting next week and is taking Senator Schmid with him.
    - d. Senator McAllister stated that Senator Gross and himself have been talking about this.
  - 2. Increase reproductive health resources
    - a. Senator Siddiqui stated that Sen. Schmid, Sen. Valladares, and Sen. Gibson are working on this.
    - b. CoS Carfagno asked if there was someone to talk to about students for reproductive justice.
    - c. Senator Siddiqui stated that would be Senator Valladares.
    - d. Senator Khan stated that Senator Gibson reached out to him about the products.
    - e. Senator Siddiqui stated that she wanted to know who is refilling the products.
    - f. President Meis asked for clarification.
    - g. Senator Siddiqui stated that SRG is filling the feminine products.
    - h. President Meis that there are conversations that SRG does not want to keep doing it.
    - i. Senator Siddiqui stated that they wanted to know who filled the coin ones and go from there.
    - j. President Meis stated that the problem is the products do not fit in the machines and cannot use those machines. They want to know if Facilities can refill the baskets. That communication has not been done between SRG and someone from Facilities.
    - k. Senator Khan stated that he was not aware of this issue.
  - 3. Increase and improve mental health services
    - a. Senator Siddiqui stated that this is being worked on by the entirety of Safety & Wellness and Justice.
    - b. VP Guerrero stated that he would be interested. Senator McAllister stated that Senator Gross and himself would also be interested.
    - c. Speaker Drescher asked if this would be something that RCDC would work on within the residence halls.
    - d. Senator Bronec stated she remembers there was some talk about it.
    - e. Senator Siddiqui stated that there needs to be specific duties assigned for this organizational goal.
    - f. CEDIO Thomas stated that she would be interested in the conversation for group counseling and specific identities.
    - g. CoS Carfagno stated he has talked to someone about this topic and would be interested in moving forward.
- K. President Meis stated it is great that more people are getting involved but to know that it what makes these meetings more important. This means that there has to be communication established because everyone cannot be sending emails to the same person for a meeting.

- L. Senator Siddiqui asked if this type of meeting be an appropriate time to go through certain initiatives and talk about specifically what each person would like to work on.
- M. Speaker Drescher stated to first get through the list and come back to that. She would encourage this space for those conversations.
- N. Financial Accessibility
  - 1. More scholarships and financial assistance with tuition and international student aid
    - a. President Meis stated that Academic Affairs, VP Guerrero, and herself would work on this. CSO DeBold stated he would be interested.
  - 2. Create an optional budgeting/financial advising seminar
    - a. VP Guerrero stated he would be interested and that there is a lot of work that needs to be done in the Bursar's office when it comes to negative reactions and Arrupe College students stated that they have a lot of problems with this as well.
    - b. CEDIO Thomas stated that Financial Flex is a SSO by the Financial Aid Office and this is their role in financial advising.
    - c. Senator McAllister stated Academic Affairs will also be working on this because they have been talking to one with one of the Co-Presidents of Financial Flex.
  - 3. Scholarships for international students
    - a. CSO DeBold stated that this could be something that could go under the first point of "More scholarships and financial assistance with tuition".
    - b. CoS Carfagno stated it is different for international students in terms of merit and have a different department.
    - c. VP Guerrero stated that the outreach would be the same for both. One can be more targeted but strategically they can be looped together.
    - d. CEDIO Thomas stated she would be interested.
  - 4. Build relationship with Advancement and Office of Alumni Relations
    - a. President Meis sated VP Guerrero and herself would work on this. They do not know what it would look like but for now it would be a lot of meetings.
    - b. CoS Carfagno and CEDIO Thomas stated they would be interested.
- O. Inclusion
  - 1. Create sensitivity training for staff working at the HUB
    - a. Senator McAllister stated that is something Academic Affairs has been talking about as a whole.
  - 2. Multicultural Center
    - a. CEDIO Thomas stated she is working on this.
    - b. President Meis, VP Guerrero, CSO DeBold, Speaker Drescher, and Senator Safakas stated they would be interested.
    - c. Senator Bronec stated that people on RCDC may be interested in this as well.
  - 3. Advocate for more representation in all levels of administrative leadership and faculty
    - a. President Meis stated VP Guerrero and herself are working on this.
    - b. Senator McAllister asked if this is limited to administration, not faculty.
    - c. President Meis stated yes and asked if they wanted to add faculty.
    - d. Senator McAllister stated that he was clarifying. Academic Affairs has talked about this topic relating to faculty.
    - e. Speaker Drescher stated that Provost Callahan stated that we do fall short in this aspect relating to faculty.
    - f. Senator McAllister stated Academic Affairs would be interested. CEDIO Thomas stated she would be interested.
  - 4. Continue to build relationship between Arrupe and the Undergraduate students at Loyola
    - a. President Meis, VP Guerrero, CoS Carfagno, and Speaker Drescher stated they would be interested.
    - b. CoS Carfagno stated that Arrupe College Liaison Villazana would probably be interested.
    - c. CSO DeBold stated he would be interested.
    - d. Senator Siddiqui stated Safety & Wellness would be interested and had talked about safety issues at the banquet.
    - e. President Meis stated that we will continue to condense these issues because they are fairly broad at the moment.
    - f. Senator McAllister stated that Academic Affairs is talking to them about financial aid.
  - 5. Diversity class campaign

- a. President Meis, VP Guerrero, CEDIO Thomas, Academic Affairs, Communications Team, and Justice are interested in this.
  - b. CoS Carfagno asked if these are academic classes.
  - c. President Meis stated this is about promoting classes that are labeled “diverse”.
  - d. Senator Alvarez asked if these are existing classes.
  - e. President Meis stated that these are existing classes that we are trying to promote for people to take during the spring.
  - f. Senator Bronec stated that the wording was confusing.
  - g. AG Barbieri suggested “promote classes with diversity component”.
  - h. President Meis stated she will take feedback on how any of these are worded since they still need a lot of work.
  - i. CSO DeBold stated that there is a program at the IES where there are four sustainability classes and if you take all four you get an acknowledgement that you completed that sequence. He asked if there is something similar to diversity classes.
  - j. President Meis stated there is nothing she is aware of and asked if that is something he wanted to look into.
  - k. CSO DeBold stated that he does not know if it can serve as an incentive or as another way to bring focus to those classes.
  - l. Senator Alvarez stated it is a good idea and that a lot of people are interested but if there is an incentive, people may take more of those classes.
6. SAGA policy review
- a. President Meis, Allocations, Speaker Drescher, and CEDIO Thomas are interested.
  - b. AG Barbieri asked if this is how they are allocating money to different organizations.
  - c. Senator Safakas stated that Allocations is looking into how they are allocating money to different organizations and how it ties into SAGA. But this is more about helping make recommendations to SAGE to make it easier for RSOs on all ends. We are just reviewing and recommending.
  - d. President Meis stated that this was inclusive to the Allocations part as well.
- P. Mental/Physical Different Abilities
1. VP Guerrero stated he would be interested in all of the initiatives.
  2. Create a building audit for students with different physical abilities
    - a. President Meis asked if Facilities & Transportation would be interested in this.
    - b. Senator Khan stated he has not heard anything about this.
    - c. Speaker Drescher asked if he would take it back to his committee to see if anyone has any interest.
    - d. Senator Khan stated that he would.
    - e. Senator Bronec stated that RCDC would be interested.
    - f. Senator Alvarez stated that she is trying to set up a meeting with someone from SAC so she can talk to them about that.
    - g. President Meis asked who she is talking to and what she is talking about.
    - h. Senator Alvarez is talking to Kendra Syed Abdul about establishing an initial relationship and accessibility overall and what else they can do relating to accommodations.
    - i. President Meis asked if she can clue in Betsi Burns into these conversations since she wants to be involved.
    - j. VP Guerrero stated that Advisor Rodriguez into the conversation.
    - k. Senator Alvarez agreed.
  3. Advocate for an ADA position
    - a. President Meis stated she would be interested.
  4. Improve resources and services in SAC
    - a. Senator McAllister stated that Academic Affairs would be interested. Senator Alvarez stated Justice would be interested.
    - b. Senator Bronec stated that RCDC may be interested.
    - c. Speaker Drescher stated that the SAC is more geared toward academic accessibility but still can address other things around campus.
    - d. Senator Alvarez stated that all of their systems run on accommodations.
    - e. CoS Carfagno stated that even commuters, if they are trying to get exempt for health reasons, have to go through SAC.
    - f. VP Guerrero stated that the SAC went digital recently. So it can be interested to see what their thoughts on that would be for that.

Q. Sustainability

1. CSO DeBold stated that he would be interested in all of these.
2. Paperless classrooms
  - a. Senator Siddiqui stated that Senator Valladares was interested in something similar about the printing services on campus.
  - b. Senator Bronec stated that RCDC would be interested especially with the printing in Residence Halls.
  - c. Senator McAllister stated that Academic Affairs would also be interested.
3. Sustainable practices on Loyola-owned properties
  - a. Senator Khan stated that Facilities & Transportations would be interested and figure out a way to streamline tangible ways for Facilities to handle this.
  - b. CSO DeBold asked if we would go to our Legal Department.
  - c. President Meis stated that there are a couple different people that we can go to but probably someone in charge of development.
  - d. CoS Carfagno stated he would be interested.
4. First-year sustainability module
  - a. President Meis stated Senator Esparza and herself would be interested.
  - b. CSO DeBold asked if there was a student already working on this.
  - c. President Meis stated that there was and will update him on this.
  - d. CSO DeBold asked if this is something that happens during orientation and then available online.
  - e. President Meis stated yes and the student's name is Kevin White.
5. Increase opportunities for renewable energy
  - a. President Meis stated VP Guerrero and herself would be interested.
  - b. Speaker Drescher stated Senator O'Brien was interested.
  - c. CSO DeBold stated that SEA can be a partner on this initiative as well as the next one and potentially on sustainable practices.
  - d. Senator Bronec stated she is interested in that.
6. Increase sustainable investments
  - a. Speaker Drescher stated that a partner could be Frances Rafferty, who she spoke with at the Banquet.
  - b. CSO DeBold stated she is not part of SEA.
  - c. Speaker Drescher stated she is not but is touching base with her next week.

R. Campus engagement

1. Building relationship between the SGLC and the Phoenix
  - a. President Meis stated VP Guerrero, Communications, Speaker Drescher, and herself are working on this.
  - b. Senator Khan stated Senator O'Brien was interested. Senator Safakas stated Senator Doyle was also interested.
2. Continue to work on Public Engagement and Voter Registration efforts
  - a. Senator Bronec stated that she would be interested and will bring it back to RCDC.
  - b. VP Guerrero, AG Barbieri, Justice, and Safety & Wellness stated they would be interested.
  - c. CSO DeBold asked if this could be something, we could partner with Arrupe College on and possibly Inside Government.
  - d. President Meis stated yes.
  - e. CoS stated that in terms of campus engagement, CCO Martinez have been working on community engagement.
  - f. President Meis stated not under this specific one.
  - g. VP Guerrero stated that when they meet, he can give more information about where this initiative is at.
3. Advocate for administration to connect and engage with students in unique ways
  - a. President Meis, VP Guerrero, CEDIO Thomas, Senator Siddiqui, Speaker Drescher, and RCDC stated they would be interested.
  - b. AG Barbieri asked what it meant.
  - c. President Meis stated it is about administrative members coming to meet with the student population more often.
  - d. AG Barbieri, CoS Carfagno, and Senator Safakas stated they would be interested.
  - e. CSO stated that we could do volunteer events between students and administration.
4. Increase SGLC presence and visibility on campus

- a. President Meis that the organization should work on this as a group.
  - S. President Meis stated that we cannot go through this again for now, but Committee Chairs should bring this back to their committees and make sure everything is accurate.
  - T. Speaker Drescher stated to take the topics that you have decided to committees. If anyone is interested in any of the topics, feel free to put them on here as well. Take the time for next steps for communication and the details for some the vaguer topics. Have these conversations and we can talk more about the communication to keep the accountability. This is a working document as we keep having conversations.
  - U. President Meis stated that this does not mean that the people listed are going to meet in another committee. This is not supposed to add another meeting, this means within your role how you are carrying this out.
- V. **Fall Survey (Vice President Guerrero)**
- A. VP Guerrero stated that two years ago the first Fall Survey went out to the entire student body. This is a unique opportunity that we have in SGLC to get the direct feedback from the students. Survey data is quantifiable data so start thinking about with the initiatives what type of feedback you want. This can be a little tricky but can be worthwhile. They are aiming at sending out the Fall Survey for the last week of October after the State of the Student Body.
  - B. President Meis stated it would probably be the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of October.
  - C. Speaker Drescher stated that we can talk more in depth about this in Cabinet.
  - D. Senator Khan asked if it would be organized by committee.
  - E. President Meis stated that she does not sure but the year before it was not, but we can talk about it.
  - F. CoS Carfagno stated that the Fall Survey from last year is in the Archive.
  - G. President Meis stated that for every context it had two or three pros and two or three cons to help eliminate any bias. Any questions on the survey will have to go through a rigorous vetting process through our body and through Administration.
- VI. **State of the Student Body (President Meis)**
- A. President Meis stated she would love for everyone here to be a part of this equally and would help with the planning process. For her the purpose is to introduce ourselves, present a final draft of the organizational goal and answer questions. She stated she would take care of the program of the event but wants help with the entertainment, food, RSO involvement, prizes, collaboration with DOP, and outreach. Any help with outreach would be amazing. Logistics also is something that we need help on.
  - B. AG Barbieri and Secretary Prag stated that they can help where needed.
  - C. AG Barbieri asked what the attire would look like.
  - D. President Meis stated that people can dress how they want but would like people to look presentable.
  - E. Senator Safakas and CoS Carfagno stated they would help with logistics.
  - F. Speaker Drescher stated that others can help it is not just limited to them.
  - G. CoS Carfagno stated he can do food.
  - H. Senator Safakas asked what about a dancing group for the entertainment.
  - I. AG Barbieri asked how long this event would be.
  - J. President Meis stated she did not want it to be too long. It starts at 5:00 PM, we talk for 15 minutes, and then questions for the rest of the time.
  - K. Senator McAllister asked if we were planning on how to get involvement.
  - L. President Meis stated to think of creative ways to encourage RSOs to go. For example, if we invite them to table.
  - M. Speaker Drescher stated to remind everyone that we are in Damen Den and there is not a lot of space.
  - N. President Meis stated that these are her notes and we do not have to do everything.
  - O. Senator McAllister, CEDIO Thomas, and CoS Carfagno stated that they can help with RSOs.
  - P. Speaker Drescher stated for RSO involvement is brainstorming for how we can get them involved. In terms of outreach, we have a list and we can divvy that up separately.
  - Q. CSO DeBold stated he liked the idea of inviting them to participate especially because we are advocating for the student body.
  - R. AG Barbieri asked if they are saying collaborating with DOP what did you mean.
  - S. Speaker Drescher stated that they have a Collaborations Committee where they help other organizations put events together so reaching out to them to help with logistics and set up.
  - T. AG Barbieri asked who the prizes would be for
  - U. President Meis stated for anybody who attended.
  - V. CoS Carfagno asked if it could be some type of a raffle.
  - W. AG Barbieri stated that it would be a good idea.
  - X. Senator Alvarez stated that there are University Bylaws around raffles.

- Y. Senator Safakas stated it was if you are fundraising via a raffle and you involve money and that would be gambling. If everyone has the same opportunity, it would be okay.
  - Z. President Meis stated that this does not fall on everyone here, there are other people in the organization.
  - AA. Senator Bronec stated that for the RSOs we can have multiple groups and have breaks in between for the entertainment.
  - BB. CoS Carfagno stated that we could have the tables outside the Den to free up space.
  - CC. CSO DeBold asked if we could have a PowerPoint playing or a handout for upcoming events for RSOs.
  - DD. Senator Bronec asked if this is for RSOs in general or RSOs that we are partnering with.
  - EE. AG Barbieri asked how we are going to choose which RSOs are being a part of this.
  - FF. President Meis stated that this is a working conversation. There are some RSOs that are more likely to want to be involved. She trusts that whoever put their name down are willing to are that responsibility. She is here to help in any way but also delegating is the only way this is going to get done. Please give an update as you see fit. If you have questions for the timeline or involvement, please come talk to her.
- VII. Anything for the good of cause?
- A. President Meis stated that she will reach out for the next steps and the next meeting.
- VIII. Adjourn
- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM