Student Government of Loyola Chicago

01/29/2020, 7:00 PM
SGLC Office (Damen 210), Lake Shore Campus
Executive Minutes

I. Roll Call
   A. Call to Order at 7:06 PM
   B. All Present
      1. Not Present: VP Guerrero, CJ Lanham, ACO Stefanic

II. Check Ins

III. Report-outs
   A. Judicial Branch Updates (Chief Justice Lanham)
      1. AJ Flores stated that Friday is the Bylaws workshop which is open to everyone that has to submit Bylaws. Bylaws should be submitted by Friday.
      2. President Meis asked if the rest of the body is aware of this.
      3. AJ Flores stated that it was in the report, but he can send another message out.
   B. Legislative Branch Update (Speaker Drescher)
      1. Speaker Drescher stated that the Budget Committee just met, Senator Doyle will be chair. She is brainstorming and open to feedback on New Business & Discussion. She is considering an idea for External Committees to have a report section in the agenda because things tend to skip through the cracks. She is incentivizing the committees about the Mid-Year report. She just met with Senator O’Brien and Senator Carberry about legislation. The Mertz water bottle legislation will most likely hit the floor first. She is reaching out to upcoming guests: CFO Magdziarz, Mary Duckett, Dr. Rooney. Spring Elections Committee will be meeting on Friday and will get a chair elected.
   C. Budget Review Committee (CFO Noriega)
      1. CFO Noriega stated that they just had their meeting and Senator Doyle was elected as chair. They are thinking about opening a tabling fund which will pull money from each of the committees. She suggested that the office supply fund could be increased. They also want to sit down with all of the committees and gage their thoughts on how they have or have not used their funds. Next week they are going to come up with questions for that.
      2. President Meis stated that before they have met with every person that in charge of a budget and evaluate each part of it.
   D. Governance Committee Update (AG Barbiere)
      1. AG Barbiere stated that not much has happened this week. With checking where everyone in the committee is at. They seem to be getting a stronger direction. Presenting the presidential succession was their first thought. Her part is to help them and give them her ideas. She gave them the idea about putting together a Google Form to get an idea about how everyone was thinking. Another idea they had was to push Senate to 4:30 PM and change the first hour for committee meetings since we do not use the full time for Senate.
      2. Speaker Drescher stated that her initial thoughts are that because it does not take till 7:00 PM now, does not mean it will never happen. There have been meetings that have gone till 8:00 PM because it has been an engaging debate. There is a deeper rooted issue of engagement which she is trying to get to the bottom of. Her initial thought is no. She completely advises against committees meeting after Senate.
      3. AG Barbiere stated that Governance is full of first-year senators, so they have not seen that yet.
      4. CCO Martinez stated based on what he saw last year, it may be that they are all new senators. It may be a hesitancy to speak, there will be more comfort next year when they come back. He sees the point of making the time more useful.
      5. CSO Abbott stated that her first Senate meeting went till 7:30 PM. In her meeting with Aaron Durnbaugh, he stated he wants us to push making legislation.
      6. Speaker Drescher stated that when legislation comes up and we go through the readings and debates, we will need the time.
      7. AG Barbiere stated that it is a combination of not filling up the time that brought up this time.
      8. CCO Martinez asked if instead of formally changing it, they can have committees meet informally after Senate ends early.
9. Speaker Drescher stated that she still has hesitancy. She has had committee meetings after Senate and hated it.
10. AG Barbiere stated that they wanted it to be before Senate.
11. Speaker Drescher stated that then Senate is more disengaged. We can be more structured and intentional to reach out to people. We need the space to decompress on certain issues.
12. Secretary Prag stated that Senator Kaleigh sent her the Google Form to put in the email.

E. Justice Committee Update (CSO Abbott & CEDIO Thomas)
1. CEDIO Thomas stated that Senator Perry-Tillmon and her had a quick chat after Senate about looking into the Justice Committee Budget and creating event for signing the Black History Month legislation. Other groups can be there to talk to people. He said that he will look at the budget and bring it up at the committee meeting.
2. CSO Abbott stated that she also talked to the Justice committee about the First Year Module. SEA and Aaron Durnbaugh said we don’t need to create the module; we need to pass legislation. It is deciding more of a theme and who is in charge of this. People have brought up concern that they do not want to have random senators to write something like this. Kevin White was working on this for a while, so they are trying to pick up where he left off.
3. President Meis stated that there were inconsistencies with RCDC and Justice because they were both working on this and taking different paths with it.
4. CSO Abbott stated that it depends what goal they want to get to. She will talk to both committees about this. Nancy Tuckman got back to them about paper-limited classrooms and told them to talk to Rachel Leeman.
5. President Meis stated to let her know how that goes.

IV. End of Year Events (President Meis)
A. President Meis stated that she wanted to gage how the conversation in Senate was.
B. AJ Flores asked how much the presentation for the State of the Student Body would differ from the banquet.
C. President Meis stated it can be up to whatever everyone wants.
D. AJ Flores stated that he was just wondering because the banquet is limited to administration and student leaders vs the State of the Student Body is with the rest of the student body.
E. President Meis stated that from what we tried this semester. The Fall Banquet was a very formal sit down dinner. The State of the Student Body was more casual. It was more the approach than the content, we catered to the audience.
F. Speaker Drescher stated that the tables at the banquet were also strategic for any questions.
G. AG Barbiere stated that getting the attention of people at the end of the year is hard.
H. CCO Martinez stated another roadblock is how much effort we are putting into this. Is the timing going to be a conflict and how much do we have to promote.
I. President Meis stated that the outreach will be different. The banquet is for the specific people that were invited. The State of the Student Body is more open. She asked if we were comfortable doing something else along with the banquet.
J. Speaker Drescher stated she was comfortable saying that. The Spring Banquet is a transitional piece with administration and student leaders.
K. President Meis stated that she wishes that they could be one event and could be something they should look into.
L. CSO Abbott stated that they could fit something into the Weekend of Excellence since there is nothing else that weekend.
M. President Meis stated that that could be a good idea.
N. AG Barbiere stated that bringing it up to Senate was a good idea.
O. COS Carfagno stated that we are doing the Dinner with the Deans.
P. President Meis asked what dates we are doing.
Q. COS Carfagno stated that he has March 4th, 5th, and 9th.
R. President Meis stated that March 9th is more likely.
S. CCO Martinez asked if this is internal or open to the public.
T. President Meis stated that it is open to the student body.
U. Speaker Drescher stated Jocelyn was open to help plan something for an event.
V. CCO Martinez stated that we have a tentative date for the banquet.
W. President Meis stated they are waiting on a timeline from the Spring Elections Committee.

V. Integration of Branches (President Meis)
A. President Meis stated that they can move past this until CJ Lanham is back ext week. She was reading a lot in the mid-year reports about integrating judicial in more.
B. AG Barbiere stated that AJ Flores does a good job of this by being present at Senate and having consistent office hours.
C. Secretary Prag stated that they can at least let people know a couple days ahead of time instead of 30 minutes before.
D. Speaker Drescher stated it can also be during convenient times when other members tend to be in the office. Morning slots are not as accessible.

E. AJ Flores stated that they are worried how to use it. They want to set things up ahead of time to make the process less daunting. We are there to review it, not strike it down. Letting people know ahead of time is possible. Some people may also be there at Senate, not everyone can make that time.

F. Speaker Drescher stated that in terms of content, they are working on making the legislation time less daunting and also finding places where legislation can be used.

G. AJ Flores stated that his perception is that it sits in an idea state and other members see it as more independent.

H. CSO Abbott stated that Aaron Durnbaugh said he need legislation not ideas. Sustainability is a huge thing they are trying to tackle. She asked how long it takes to make legislation.

I. Speaker Drescher stated it is not as long as people think.

J. CSO Abbott stated that it is possible to do it.

K. AJ Flores stated that we are a deliberative body and we can be part of that deliberation.

L. President Meis stated that both Judicial and the rest of the body wants to be integrated more.

VI. In-Service Debrief (VP Guerrero & CEDIO Thomas)

A. President Meis stated that they will move this topic to next week.

VII. Updates from President

A. Survey Update
   1. President Meis stated that they just met with Dean Manzano about the survey and they are at 7.5%. There will be an email sent out to all students who have not taken it tomorrow. Keep pushing social media, we are almost halfway to their goal.

B. President Meis stated their next meeting with Dr. Rooney is on February 10th. They have a five minute phone call with the new Provost on February 3rd. Senator Siddiqui and herself are going to the tobacco free meeting. This is something student government proposed. The heads of Shared Governance and Senator Siddiqui will be there. The policy right now is Tobacco, Vape, and Smoke free. She will give her opinion, student governments opinion based on their last vote, and the survey results. She will keep everyone posted on how that meeting goes.

C. Please fill out the mid-year report.

VIII. Bylaws

A. President Meis stated that she has bylaws to sign.

IX. Anything for the good of cause?

A. None at this time.

X. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM