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Hello, everybody, welcome to the SGLC podcast. I am your host Kennedy Mallory. I'm a sophomore studying film and digital media and I am a second year senator serving on the Justice committee and my pronouns are she/her/hers. Today I am joined by my fellow SGLC members with me, so I want to open the floor to them and introduce yourselves.

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Hi there. I'm Sophie Pittman, my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am a first year senator. So I'm a freshman.

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Hi everyone. My name is Rohan, my pronouns are he/him/his. My position is that I'm an at large senator, and I'm a freshman.

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My name is Luis Cabral. I am a third year senator, and I serve in the Justice committee. My pronouns are he/him/his.

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Hi, everyone, my name is Anushka Nanda. My pronouns are she/her. I'm a first year senator on the Justice committee, and I'm a freshman.

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Alright, without further ado, let's get started. So for those who are currently watching right now, we are currently in the week of our SGLC campaigning, I believe this is the fourth day of campaigning. So, you know, for those who are new into the organization running for the first time, or for those who are interested in joining SGLC for the next school term, we wanted to give a this space and have an FAQ about the meat and potatoes about SGLC. So call it a SGLC 101, if you will, just so we can go over our mission for the student body. So our first question I want to pose to everyone is a quick summary about what is SGLC? So if you could give a brief one sentence summary about SGLC how would you describe it?

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To me, SGLC is a connection between the student body and the administrators so that student representatives can advocate for the issues and the weak wants and needs of the student body.

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Yeah, for me, I think SGLC is an opportunity for undergrad students and senators that represent the undergrad body to represent what they want to see in Loyola.

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I think SGLC is a great way to bridge the gap between students and administration. And I also think it's a great way for undergrad students to get more involved and to advocate for the students on their behalf.

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Great, thank you. The next question is: How is the etiquette and weekly Senate Meetings? I know a lot of people kind of get overwhelmed when we talk about student government. There's a lot of us and there's a certain formality of how we operate within this organization. So can someone go over how that works.

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So it's more formal at Senate, but not as intimidating as it sounds, because it's like everyone is like very friendly. But there are certain things you could do like, before speaking. You have to be addressed, recognized by the speaker. Yeah, and then there's motions to bring about new topics of discussion or to move on to another one. And sort of, you know, deferring to the executive branch, or judicial, for the most part.

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So Luis made a really good point about how it's a bit more formal, which keeps things respectful and keeps things or

derly. But along with all of those things with making sure you're addressing people and you're addressed before you speak, it really helps it be a very welcoming environment so that you can feel comfortable saying what's on your mind when you're on the floor. And so a lot of what Louis talked about is very important for that.

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Yeah, and also kind of add on to that. There's already a structure made for the meeting so that they go in a certain order, with unfinished business, new business, etc. And I think that, in the beginning, it might seem a little overwhelming, but over time, it'll make more sense and it's not really that hard to understand.

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There's also a formal system for writing legislation and basically getting your initiatives done. So even though it might seem like a lot of work, there are many steps and people to guide you along the way which helps it to be much more manageable.

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Thank you so much. Okay, the next question again, since we are a government there is somewhat of this misconception of relating to, you know, the actual US government. So is SGLC politically bias.

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We're very much here to serve the student body. And we aren't going to reflect our own political beliefs in that we're just going to reflect what is best for the student body.

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It's also important to note that we are a social justice, you know, University. So lots of what we are doing is justice oriented. Of course, in this space right now, we have lots of people on the Justice committee. So also, we are, of course, focused on justice here. But yes, definitely, we are apolitical. But also we are a very inclusive body, and we want everyone to feel welcome. We want to make a space that makes everybody feel cared for.

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Moving on. Say, We are currently in the 2021 -2022 school year, we're finally back on campus. Put yourself as if you are a freshman, that school year, and you want to get involved in SGLC but you don't know how. Where is the first steps of you trying to get involved in wanting to get your voice heard?

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I would say, check out the Org Fair. SGLC would have a table if we were in person, right now would it's all virtual. The Org Fair is the first stop, you gain a lot of good information, a lot of good insight to what student government really does. And it's about and you know, what they promote.

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Also, just in case, the Org Fair looks a little bit different this coming year because of COVID. I also suggest looking at not only SGLC, but all the organizations on LUCommunity and you can find website links, social media links, and find out a lot more about anything that you would be interested in joining. And I really recommend checking out the SGLC Instagram and the website has a ton of information. That's super helpful.

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Yeah, and just kind of add on to that. I'm not sure if you said this, but LUCommunity has really nice like summaries and, and information that you can check out. So that's definitely a resource that you can look at if you want to get involved.

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Perfect, thank you. We're almost done with our podcast. The second to last question is what do you do if you want to bring ideas yet you are not involved in SGLC? So how do you get in contact with this organization?

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Personally, I would say reach out to an individual senator. And maybe if they're not able to work on that initiative, because they're overwhelmed, or they're focused on something else, right now, they can definitely point you in the direction of someone who be available to meet with you and discuss your concerns. So I would say start by reaching out, we're all very approachable.

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I agree with Soph it's quite literally our job as editors to be student representatives. So the best way to feel like you're being advocated for and represented in certain issues, and your whole experience as a student is to reach out to your senators. And also on the SGLC Instagram page, there is a highlight that features all those members of SGLC. And it has their contact information in case there's any senator in particular that you wanted to reach out to but you didn't know how.

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Great, thank you. And last, but definitely not least, why did you join SGLC?

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One of the big reasons I joined us SGLC was as an incoming freshman during this crazy parents emic I saw a lot of students really struggling to figure out where to find information. And they had these issues on their mind that they were like, I don't know how to address these. And so I wanted to find a way to be a resource to my peers in order to help them find a way to address those issues, but also find a way to get in contact with people who could help them get more information on things they have questions about. And so I decided to get involved in SGLC because I thought it was a really great opportunity for me to address the issues. I personally saw the community and to represent the issues that my classmates saw.

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Yeah, so similar to that I would say the reason why I joined because I was like, I am new to Loyola this year. So, you know, I wanted to establish, you know, connections, you know, especially since everything is remote and virtual, so it's nice to like have a community and also, when I went to that Org Fair I was pretty much sold by like, all the people there hearing them speak about it. And yeah, and I also, I, you know, I really am passionate about like, advocating for others. So I thought naturally, that's the way to go.

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Yeah, I chose the SGLC because I joined Loyola because of their mission, and how they're oriented to social justice. And I think SGLC is a great, great platform to be able to contribute to that mission. So I think that's definitely one of the biggest reasons why.

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For me, at least personally, as a freshman and everything, I was looking for ways to get involved with the Loyola community. This was a great way into doing that. As well as with the racial justice movement that really picked up over the summer, before the school year started. I really wanted to help advocate for that through the Loyola community, as well as for mental and physical wellness given the COVID pandemic. And then also just SGLC as a whole does a great job of actually advocating for the students even when the administration doesn't quite do that. And so I wanted to have a way to hold Loyola accountable on what they say and SGLC is a great way to do that.

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Okay, that concludes our podcast. Thank you to my lovely senators for joining me and taking out the time to answer questions. Again, if you are interested in getting involved with us. Email us at SGLC@luc.edu and follow us on Instagram @SGLoyolaChicago. Stay safe, wear a mask and have a wonderful day. Bye, everybody.