



3/2/2021, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

I. Roll Call

- A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
- B. All Present
 - 1. Not Present: Senator Cabral (4:37 PM)

II. Visitors & Guest Speakers

- A. None at this time.

III. Approval of the Minutes

- A. No Amendments Made
- B. Minutes are approved at 4:35 PM

IV. Advisors' Reports

- A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 - 1. None at this time.
- B. Advisor (**Dean Sheahan & Rodriguez**)

1. Dean Sheahan stated that VP Neufeld is stepping down as of June 30th. There is going to be a full search for the new Vice President of Student Development.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. A Resolution to Implement Racial Sensitivity and Cultural Competency Training (**Senators Kwak & Riopedre**)

- 1. Motion to approve amendments in red approved.
- 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Kwak stated that Campus Safety needs to be accountable, and they have expressed willingness to work with the student body. This gives them clear steps that they need to take moving forward.
 - b. Senator Riopedre stated that racial sensitivity is an important issue in our community. They are excited to help students feel safe and welcome in our community.
- 3. With a vote of 28-0-0, the legislation passes.

- B. The SGLC Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act (**Senator Bronec**)

- 1. Motion to approve amendments in purple approved.
- 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Bronec stated that this is a foundational step for SGLC and hopes that we expand our work on Indigenous works in the future.
 - b. Senator Doyle stated that this is the second piece of legislation that has been brought about Indigenous people which is important. We as SGLC need to take a step and be leaders in the university in hopes that they will also take those steps.
 - c. Senator Cabral stated that this is important even it is an internal facing measure. We must acknowledge whose land we currently occupy. We negate their existence while they are still present.
- 3. With a vote of 28-0-0, the legislation passes.

- C. A Resolution to Recognize Federal Election Days (**Senators Harrison & Nanda**)

- 1. Motion to approve amendments in blue approved.
- 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Harrison stated that with the feedback they have received that this will be a necessary first step for this administration to freely vote on election day and also encourage education on our political system. This piece will be fundamental in the future when we continue advocacy. This piece represents our right to vote.
 - b. Senator Riopedre stated that as a school that promotes itself for social justice, encouraging students to use their voices is something we should be encouraging.
- 3. With a vote of 28-0-0, the legislation passes.

VI. New Business & Discussion

- A. PASS Kit Funding Act (**Senators Rafiq & Bronec**)

- 1. Senator Rafiq and Bronec explained the legislation.
- 2. Senator Thilges asked what is going to be in the PASS kits, and why it is not listed in the legislation.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that they are not asking the university for the money. They have an embedded link on the legislation but it has gum and tips to deal with stress and anxiety.
- 3. Senator Doyle asked if there is any plan for students who are not on campus to receive one.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that this is a trial run. They don't want to request large sums of money to ship it around the world. They want to present this engagement to the university eventually in next steps.

4. Senator Awan asked if the kits only available to a select number of students.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that there is only one pickup site. If you did sign up for one, you would have to make your way to Damen.
 - b. Senator Bronec stated that they will have a question on the sign-up to clarify if they are in a commutable distance to pick up the kit themselves.
 5. CCO Carfagno asked that for the marketing item, is the amount worked into the requested money or is it from the materials in the office.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that promotional materials is whatever is already existing.
 6. Senator Doyle stated that they might be able to work with Loyola in getting their tax-exempt code.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that they will look into that.
 7. Senator Palmer asked if there is a discount applied since they are purchasing in bulk.
 - a. Senator Rafiq stated that 250 is the threshold for one of the discounts.
 8. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- B. The Residential Curriculum Sustainability Module Resolution (**Senators Caputo & Thilges**)
1. Senator Caputo and Thilges explained the legislation.
 2. Senator Riopredre asked what communication you have had with Res Life.
 - a. Senator Caputo stated that they have been in contact with some representatives in Res Life. Most of their communication has been through RHA.
 3. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- C. Committee Restructuring Act (**Senators Bronec & Kwak**)
1. Senator Bronec and Kwak explained the legislation.
 2. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- D. Electronic Signature and Bylaw Template Act (**Senators Cabral & Riopredre**)
1. Senator Cabral and Riopredre explained the legislation.
 2. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- E. SPOT 2 (**Senator Doyle**)
1. Senator Doyle stated that they had over \$73,000 requested and approved about \$48,000. There were 29 organizations and 39 requests. From the SAF they had \$71,000 requested and funded \$47,000 which is 22 of 33 events. From the TGIF they had \$1,400 requested and funded \$1,000 which is 3 of 4 events. There were issues with documentation, in-person events, member exclusive events, and food safety. Decision letters will go out tomorrow.
 - F. Senator Carberry stated that they had a meeting with Facilities this week. The Facilities team has some new programs and are able to track everything on campus. With this new computer system, they can list out things like gender-neutral bathrooms. There is a list of questions that she will send out with the minutes. She asked where the list of gender neutral bathrooms should be. To encourage safe gathering of students on campus, Facilities will invest in heaters. They are planning on setting up several areas, preferably in several areas that are semi-covered. Any ideas on those locations, Facilities are open to hearing that.
 1. President Drescher stated that there is a list of gender-neutral bathrooms on SDMA website. It is worth expanding here and include this with resource consolidation (<https://www.luc.edu/diversity/programs/lgbtqia/unisexrestroomlocations/>). With the heaters, the idea came from the Student Advisory Group. There was an idea that we could help fund the heaters. The one holds up is that they want to make sure than any money being put towards those is as sustainable as possible.
 2. Senator Carberry stated that the times on the Sheild site do not line up with actual appointment times. Facilities and the University cannot do anything about this since it is not in their jurisdiction. They have tried putting up signs around campus. If anyone has any ideas, please let her know.
 - a. Senator Bronec stated that they could put it on the Loyola webpage or on the app.
 3. Senator Carberry stated that the SOAR initiative was brought up as well. They had funds set aside for it and were waiting for it to get warmer to install them. However, all capital planning was put on hold, so SOAR was put on hold and is now on a different timeline. They are reevaluating priorities right now.

VII. Internal Reports

- A. Legislative Branch
1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that the PLC legislation will be coming to the floor soon.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that decision letters for SPOT2 will come out tomorrow. March 12th is when SBR opens up. They had a meeting with Connor Bishop from the Office of Sustainability last week and they are putting together a working group to assess our preferred vendors list to go through and pick out sustainable and POC-owned vendors.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Carberry**)
 - i. Senator Carberry stated that everything is in the report. There is a webinar on vaccination in the Loyola community at 4:00 PM on Thursday.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)

- i. Senator Bronec stated that CPD legislation will come to the floor in the next few weeks. Food System legislation will hit the floor on March 16th. Sophomore Reorientation is taking a bit of a pause while they gather more information.
- e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated that if you have any thoughts on the sustainability module legislation, please reach out. With the food system legislation, they did some reevaluating of the initial plan and it will be structured a little differently. Senator Brist is still working with Rambler Alliance for Equity. Senator Thilges working with F&T and Restoration Club to put together a land management plan to increase native plants on campus with bio soil.
- f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report.
- 2. Special Committees
 - a. Budget Committee (**Senator Riopedre**)
 - i. Senator Riopedre stated that if anyone would like to come into the committee meetings, please let her know. They have a meeting with President Drescher and VP Flores. Cabinet and Exec members, expect another survey. They are moving forward with the marketing fund legislation. She will be giving a comprehensive presentation on March 16th.
 - b. Governance Committee (**Senator Kwak**)
 - i. Senator Kwak stated that they are continuing to work on legislation. Please reach out to chief sponsors of initiatives with any questions.
 - c. Spring Elections Committee (**Chairperson Walsh**)
 - i. Senator Richards stated the elections packets went live. Please get them into the elections email by March 14th. Please get someone not in SGLC to run for SGLC. Candidate meetings are live, if you have not received a Zoom link, they will send it out within 24 hours before.
- B. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)
 - 1. CJ Mooney stated congrats to all the senators with legislation. Please come to office hours or make an appointment to review legislation.
- C. Executive Branch
 - 1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. VP Flores stated that VP Neufeld will be stepping down from her position on June 30th. Folks who are going to be here next year, there is a search committee they have been asked to get a couple of names for. They need names for that by tonight.
 - b. President Drescher stated that there are several of us who are on the Strategic Planning Committee. There is going to be an undergraduate wide stakeholder seminar on March 12th at 3:00 PM facilitated by us, Shannon Howes, and Patrick Green. They wanted to flag that to promote that to peers and classmates. The link is in the report.
 - c. President Drescher stated they met with the Honors BIPOC Coalition last week. If you are interested to sign up as an individual co-signer on their petition, please do so. They also have an organizational sign-up; she has every intention of doing so. She will coordinate with CCO Carfagno to send it out with the minutes to make it official. It means that as an organization we are backing their action items.
 - d. VP Flores stated that they are starting to have their last administrator meetings. They have the Student Advisory Group on Thursday, VP Neufeld, on Thursday, and next Thursday they have their Board of Trustees presentation.
 - e. President Drescher stated that Exec is not meeting next week and does not think Cabinet is either. She encourages you to take a break from SGLC if you can.
 - 2. CoS Dervishi stated that the signup for the Weekly Meet-Up program link is in her report. If anyone wants any community building events, please let her know. She is still missing committee meeting times, please let her know.
 - 3. AG Burris stated that transition documents are due in two weeks. Everything that passes through Governance are acts and will be internal facing, please keep that in mind. Please keep in mind the Logistics/Expectations document so we can all be on the same page. We are concerned about using the chat since they are not put in the minutes or the livestream.
 - 4. ACO Esparza stated that if anyone is interested in working with them on a video for the compost buckets, please let them know. Please continue to share graphics for the elections on social media. They are also sending out emails regarding initiatives for the website.
 - 5. CCO Carfagno stated thank you to Comms and to everyone on the graphics for spring elections. Please continue to share.
 - 6. Speaker O'Brien stated that if you refer someone for elections, that is considered engagement requirement. If you are sending in legislation, it is due by 4:00 PM on Sunday and needs to be sent to all five people. Please follow the checklist. If you are writing legislation and need someone to look at it, please let her know.

VIII. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM