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I. **Roll Call**
   1. Call to order at
   2. Speaker Kelley takes roll.
   3. Absent:

II. **Visitors & Guest Speakers**

A. Jack McLean & Michael Beazley (The DSD Strategic Plan)
   a. PowerPoint to guide the conversation. Encourage you to ask questions. Working on this.
      Understanding of what student development covers. Department and segments in
      Division of Student Development: Dean of students, off campus life, campus recreation
      and campus complex, Campus ministry, SAGA, Residence Life.
   b. University has already approved the plan. Areas they do not have control over like
      campus security, academic affairs, and facilities. Adopted and approved by the Board of
      Trustees. Shared with University Community – open forums last Fall. Visioning document
      provided rough framework of strategic plan; 5 institutional priorities that shrunk to 4.
      Open Forums were about a year ago with grad and undergrad students. Draft put
      forward was revised and established strategies and tactics. BOT approved this in June.
      Working groups on each initiative with a student on each. Division of Student Dev started
      development of its plan in August 2015. Division Strategic Planning Committee
      appointed, sub committees, and chairs were asked to include students on committees.
      This is not a final document – here to get your input and feedback. What we are doing
      right, we very much want to hear your reactions to our current draft. Met with
      stakeholders. Open forum last week in Damen. Council was met with this past weekend.
      Maroon and Gold society will be met with next week.
   c. Things typed in red comes from University, language cannot be tweaked in University
      Strategic Plan at this point. Black font is where feedback is wanted. Thoughts and ideas
      after today are welcome as well.
      i. Sundal: I heard Arrupe students are not allowed to participate in Loyola org
         because they do not pay student development fee...is this true and is there any
         way to amend that?
   1. Beazley: As far as I know, that is incorrect.
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2. McLean: I think your impression may be related to how they were initially going to be incorporated with Loyola community but my understanding is they are very much welcome to be involved.
   i. Pres Fasullo: Were there any students at those forums?
         i. Pres Fasullo: And you said there is one on Sunday?
            1. McLean: Yes but it is exclusive with maroon and gold.
               a. Pres Fasullo: Can we maybe talk about setting up another to get more students going?
                  i. McLean: We would welcome it, trying to get feedback.

2. Internal Formation for Social Justice and Mission – hoping for tweaking of language here. We are not considered faculty but we do consider it part of our job to promote the social justice as well.

   d. Chair Flowers: Line 85, could expand on that? Incorporating technology includes hiring IT? Why that and not going to ITS or to students
      i. McLean: That very point has been debated. I would emphasize, this all is evolving. I don’t think this draft will be the same one as the final. This would be a sophisticated position. Responsibility with being familiar with software wellness center uses. Much more detailed level than Curtis’ position.
         a. Chair Flower: There are classes at this University that teach about software development and we are learning about the newest technology and programs out there and what other schools are doing. The way our website functions – not database driven. You could have 3 titles within Loyola’s system. Just curious about that, students are well educated and students could be an important part of this development.
            i. McLean: Libraries have their own dedicated IT person. Perhaps something could be established for Stu Dev as well. Funding available University wide. We would apply for if we pursue this. Far from done da.

   e. Sen Farquhar: What exactly does it mean when it says Froshworks on line 71?
      i. Beazley: Apparently this is software Jesuit colleagues use to track undergraduate progress. It helps with alert systems to track students to ensure they are on track
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/ track their progress. May be in similar to services in Sullivan. It would alert us of students with red flags to check in on them to help give them resources they may need to get back on track.

3. **Broader University Engagement for Development**
   i. **Beazley:** The 3rd and 4th priority, people in 3rd ask if it was possible for them to combine themselves with the 4th. They have come together. Page 6 and 7.
      1. **Speaker Kelley:** There are a couple of students interested in donating excess food to food pantries or other viable options- what exactly is the campus kitchen concept?
         a. **McLean:** These are ideas. Preliminary stages, not a lot of framework. SLU Marquette, they take food and volunteers help prepare food. It’s similar to Meals on Wheels – University based. Set up schedules and routes. Part of conversation we had that raised concern, health department code that will hinder from this from being able to take place.
         b. **Beazley:** Food runners, University of San Fran, student group. Food runners would gather food after event concluded and take it to local community partners such as homeless shelters so that it wouldn’t be tossed out. Concerned about codes
   ii. **Sen Farquhar:** Lines 299 and 300 – why would we continue to engage in contracts with companies that utilize sweatshops?
      1. **McLean:** Not the first person to ask that. 2 or 3 years ago, task force to look into this. I received an email from the head of task force the other day but I do not know many of the details in regards to this.
         a. **Sen Farquhar:** Can I possibly have the contact info for this person?
   iii. **Sen Courage:** I’ve been doing research on the food donation things and as far as liability goes – this is something I brought this up last meeting. All business, corporations, Universities, etc are federally protected under the Good Samaritan Act passed in 1996.
      1. **Beazley:** Wow, that’s awesome to hear.
   iv. **Sundal:** Question in regards to community relations, events held are usually off campus such as access?
      1. **McLean:** Intention was not to exclude that possibility, should make it more implicit.
   v. **Chair Flowers:** RCDC is very involved working with Aramark, maybe something we could look into is working closely with student development, we could work together instead of
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simultaneously. We toured the kitchen, and saw how it operates / possibilities for donating food.

1. McLean: That’s great. Many of these ideas came from the forums last fall. Likewise by having these ideas does not mean we want to take ownership. We are open to collaboration and cooperation.

vi. Sen Farquhar: In regards to students in LGBTQIA – line 149; some talk on eliminating gender from application process or diversifying it, can this be adapted into this potentially?
   1. McLean: That would not be under this but rather academic affairs or admission.

vii. Chair Flowers: Organizations expressed frustration with working with SAGA – making sure things are streamlined for organizations. Everyone is told something different, processes always changing. Trying to streamline how SAGA works. Making it easier to get things done.
   1. McLean: Sure we can take this back. Do you mean approval for orgs or broader
   a. Chair Flowers: Broader, once you are an RSO things can be difficult and tricky when trying to maneuver through SAGA while trying to get things done.

i. McLean: Email me with specifics. We very much appreciate feedback, I can pass the info along to people that would appreciate this.

viii. Pres Fasullo: LUC Black Voices Demonstration – push from this to include some of those demands to put in this strategic plan?
   1. McLean: I am vaguely familiar, I was out of town but I would emphasize that whole purpose of this meeting is to get feedback from SGLC. We want to know. I also emphasize, this is more medium term 3 or 5 years. I don’t think primary focus has been from something from 3 days ago, but still very open to including this.

ix. Sen Hanani: Concrete ideas to engage international students?
   1. Beazley: Vague because this is not something we directly deal with, more involved with the Office of International Programs.

x. Sen Shehaiber: Line 255 - List of orgs reaching out to in community?
   a. Beazley: Open to suggestions.
   b. McLean: Emails, calls, meetings – whole point of this stage is to get candid feedback. Things that should not be included we want to hear that or if we are overlooking items too.

4. Commuter Ambassadors
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2. Zhang: Here to talk about commuters and their needs.
   How many commuters are in this room?
   1. People raise their hands.

- Introductions.
  ii. Ullsmith: Commuter Ambassadors – routinely have office hours in resource room. Students can use their microwave or put their lunch in a fridge. Evens are hosted; Commuter Connect Gatherings. Help build community. Commuter Appreciation Days. Study sessions – students have a place to socialize and study. People do not have a dorm during finals much like many students can. Joe n’ Go Tuesdays in Tina’s Office – free coffee or tea to start the day off. Advocacy, suggestion boxes and info tables. We receive feedback to hear what want more of and what they need. In order to build community for these students.
     Commuter Resource room – 108, pretty tucked away by smoothie bar. Tina’s Office is in Damen Room 125.
  iii. Lots of students, great deal of population. Increase. Social media. Celly – text messaging blast, 268 members. Commuter Merch- scarves that many of them have. Map shows how students commute from suburbs, Wisconsin, Indiana, Chicagoland area. These map indicate good days for traffic. Commuter awareness has increased.
      1. Feedback indicates suggestions have determined what challenges commuters face. Balancing commute, school, work, family obligations, and social life. Another struggle is feeling connected to campus community. Schedule conflicts, most events are later in the evening or at night. Commuters want a common space where it is easier to identify with other commuters. Commuters need increased visibility, awareness and recognitions, and larger resource room space. The commuters have indicated if given the option they will utilize their resources.
  iv. Swierczak: Want SGLCs help for greater visibility and larger room. We recognize SGLC best channel in assisting us in getting a bigger room. Will help commuters get through the day. From storing food to
  v. Pres Fasullo: Resource room – do you have dimensions?
      1. Tina: To give you scale, there are room for 3 people to sit. We technically not allowed to sit, only can heat up food.
      a. Pres Fasullo: How many people know where resource room is?
      i. People raise their hands.
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3. Sen Bayo: So you want a bigger space, what other specific ways can SGLC help you reach your goals?
   1. Zhang: Help in promoting. In addition to street team meet ups, trying to help other orgs hosting events by bringing commuters to them
   2. Sen Dumbauld: What have you done to try to get a room?
      a. Tina: Our office was founded in 2008, personnel transitions it went dark for a year. Been back for 1.5. Acquire resource room. Advocate. Student need has grown, CA interested in trying to get additional space. Fruit of efforts has been in that room.
      i. Sen Dumbauld: Any efforts to move to other rooms so far?
         1. Advisor Moore: When we relaunched the office, efforts before Tina was hired. Number of meetings and Damen was already built, this is what we have and what we can give you. I can have meetings with people and say what do you think about this but reality of it is folks think it’s a check box – you already have one. Students saying this is important 60% of under grad body, student voice will get the change commuters are looking for. Really get your help. Yes, meetings could happen but only way change will happen is through you. Space Committee belongs to all students why carve out space to Commuters. Students say it’s important to dedicate space to this population will carry more if articulating this point
   3. AG Brueck: Ryan just clarified you cannot host events until 6 PM. Maybe it’s not advertised as that, if that would be a possible space to go to the den as a community space?
      a. Advisor Moore: In February, a lot was investigated, the Den was the most obvious choice. It’s designed to be for all students, compromise was that they would take it off line so that commuters here before 6 so they have somewhere to go. It’s always full, hard to dedicate that to commuters.
   4. VP Chavez: First off, thank you so much for coming. Do you guys know what the strategic plan? The University every 10 years create plan to make university better. In the process of drafting that strategic plan – looking for student input. Because this is a 10 year plan would be great resource to you all. The university will commit itself to work alongside you. Whether it’s getting a bigger space or any of your other needs, it is a process thing. Great opportunity to reach out to them. Open Forum for students to come – obviously we want to help you. Bigger
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picture, this would be a great place to tap into and demand since we are community. This is my suggestion.

5. Pres Fasullo: Hopes for timeline?  
   a. Swierczak: The quicker the better but we’ll work with what we can get. We know this is something we need.

6. Chair Pazik: Facilities and Trans Committee chair and so we are going to probably work together in terms of space. We are going to bring this up to Wayne M capital planning to identify space. Do you have any preferences as to where?  
   a. Swierczak: Space near Tina’s office – accessible. Willing to work with whatever they can get. Commuters are mobile, cool to have room next to DOP. Similar to them since we address commuters heavily.

7. Andersen: What about somewhere in Centennial Forum?  
   a. Swierczak: Space used to be commuter lounge. Laundry bins. It would be great if nothing else could be found. Damen would be better.

i. Chair Philbrick: I think that may be off the table because it’s being repurposed to make space for IT.

8. Sen Loutfi: Space in Mertz, did you enjoy that? Is that something you want to replicate again?  
   a. Swierczak: So it was a while ago for me since I was a freshman, and I’m a senior now but the room that had a door and another door. Couches and computers, it would be cool if we could replicate it. We don’t need something as divided…need somewhere we can fit bigger fridge, table where people can sit and connect that way.

i. Sen Loutfi: I’m trying to better understand how commuters want to utilize this room – people have break during classes, they can spend their 1 hour break or are you going to eat quickly and then leave?  
   a. Swierczak: Ultimately up to that one person. People do hang out in there even though it’s not meant for it.

9. Sen Paulson: I think this is kind of getting ahead of myself but people aren’t just commuting to this campus, have you guys thought about space for offices downtown?
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a. Zhang: I’m actually primarily at the other campus so I can say this affects me but we want to focus on the Lakeshore since most commuters are here but definitely in the future. Something to talk about.

10. VP Chavez: Resource room is something we have been discussing – but something that caught my attention, commuters don’t feel a part of our community, what in your perspective tangible goal to make you feel included? Goal to increase that?
   a. Ullsmith: I think something that can be measure is things we do on social so sharing our posts. Events and off campus student life backing it. But having SGLC be part of that, makes us more feel recognized. Student govt is help promote this that its not just us supporting us.

11. Sen Hanani: Downstairs by Damen, have you guys used lockers- is there a demand for more or no?
   a. Tina: With last year we did encounter there were no lockers, we have conversations that result in Halas rec with lockers. There was a graduate student did not have access to Halas but still need space here, and reach agreement and were accommodating to her.

12. Chair Flowers: Advisor Moore, were you going to say something?
   a. Advisor Moore: I was going to mention this before that we should take Centennial Forum off the table. Student centers departments / things are not be relocated there.

13. Chair Philbrick: In the first floor of Mundelein, would you be interested in possibly repurposing the café in there?
   a. Swierczak: If nothing in Damen, that would be great. A lot of students use that in general since they have classes in Mundelein and may go there between classes and whatnot.
   b. Tina: Damen houses various student organizations and activities on campus, it would be great if we could find a space there to call our home.

14. Chair Flowers: Moving forward, Pazik and I will be meeting with Wayne. We will discuss options. Repurpose room for this cause. Working closely with Commuter Ambassadors in our committee meetings. Tie senators within this to discuss this further.
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15. Commuter Ambassadors: Email us or message us.
   (Emails will be attached to email)

III. Approval of the Minutes
   A. Minutes are approved.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. Reports

Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs (Chair Philbrick)
   1. Exciting news- website. User-voice. Negotiations, we made movement forward with them.
      1. Sen Shehaiber: Are there any updates with final schedule?
         1. Chair Philbrick: No actual data. Wellness Center aid it was compiled but sending it to provost instead of to us directly.

B. Allocations (Sen Walters)
   1. Hearings Saturday and Sunday. Letters are out tomorrow. 33% funded that were requested – a lot of cuts.
      1. Drastic change in things can be funded.
      2. Sen Farquhar: Spot requests can – set amount for semester.
         Amount of money still finite, percentage goes down.

C. Facilities & Transportation (Chair Pazik)
   1. Tabling Thurs 5-8 PM. Stop by.
   2. Meeting to go over solar thermal.
   3. Real wind- TGIF project, to get wind turbine on campus.
   4. MV Shuttle provider, started pilot program to take veterans to and from medical appointments.
   5. Nick is working on campus trans shuttle advertising space. Inside of shuttles. Departments and athletics. Trying to determine process.
   7. Biodiesel lab, shuttle providers 5-20%, past fall accidentally ran 40%. – Happy Accident. Do have to decrease it in the winter because of temp drop.
   8. Cheers for biodiesel.
   9. Wayne M – meeting with Flowers and me. Add anything to agenda, reach out to me and Michael.
      1. Sundal: Is the petition for solar thermal at the table when you are tabling?
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1. Chair Pazik: Yes developing that to include it.

D. Justice (Chair Cook)
   1. Transitional period- rebuilding. Dedicated to supporting preexisting initiatives. Meeting tonight to go over logistics for next semester. How we can build relationships with orgs. Rally Friday for dining hall workers. Important to have presence there to support them. Tabling Thursday and Friday.

E. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (Chair Flowers)
   1. Qualified candidate for Residence Life position.
   2. Partnership with RHA.
   3. Writing legislation outline appointment of members that these members will sit on our committee but not on Senate. If any of you are interested in writing, reviewing, or learning about leg. Please stop by. During our committee meeting – 5:30 on Thursday.
   4. Dec 1st committee will be presenting committee vision for net semester. Incorporating CA and RHA. More to come.

F. Safety & Wellness (Chair Gandhi)
   1. Continuing work on Smoke Free campaign. Designing swag. Looking to make PowerPoint for transparency to outline what we want and timeline. Like Seattle University’s.
      1. Sen Farquhar: Is Seattle University a private Jesuit institution?
         1. Chair Gandhi: Yes.

A. Special & Ad Hoc Committees
   A. The Spring Election Board
      1. Meeting soon.

B. Judicial Board

C. Executive Board Fasullo
   A. Pres Fasullo: Went to Springfield with Anusha to advocate MAP Grant. Benefits 2400 students. IL legislator to approve it. Loyola has put money in packages hoping that it will come as reimbursement. Only happens on semester basis. House of Rep IL has not voted to pass. Great time. Going to introduce quick letter that I would like all of our support behind. Will send out google doc.
      1. Sen Mannam: 96% of Arrupe students use MAP grants. Could be detrimental.
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D. Pres Fasullo: Arrupe costs are so low because of grants like that so this is important.
   1. Chair Flowers: What is the cost of tuition there?
      1. Advisor Moore: Around $12,500 - price pointed designed to cover it with grants.

B. VP Chavez hands out treats.
   1. VP Chavez: My announcement is we wanted to host a potluck, before fixing a date – what day works best for you is something I’m trying to determine. I was wondering if Friday or Saturday work better for you all. Step back and enjoy each other.
   2. Sen Paulson would love to do this. Study day or later on.
      1. Sen Shehaiber: Later at night 8-9.?
      1. VP Chavez: Facebook poll works best
   3. Sen Pauslon: I was one of the people that asked for more opportunities to build community so I agree with Marianna that it would be beneficial to figure out a day. It shouldn’t be too hard to set aside some time on a specific day to do this because this is important.
   4. Chair Flowers: Potentially after senate on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving? It will at least go to 7 pm. (After senate next Tuesday 1st)
   5. Sen Courage: Having 2 tentative dates could be good, so one this weekend and another during finals week. Everyone might not be able to make it one during finals. We don’t have to limit building community to one day.
      1. Sen Farquhar: As long as we can all commit to saying we will respond.
   6. VP Chavez: I’m down to have it this weekend not everyone has to be present. Sunday at 3 PM. Google doc.

Pres Fasullo: We will email this out.
Sen Hines: Please list food allergies.

E. Advisors
   A. Advisor Howes: A lot going on please don't hesitate if we can help you. Offer a lot going on in your lives as students and on campus and in the world. Offer support in terms of being holistically supportive with Jesuit values.

VI. New Business & Discussion
   A. Chair Philbrick - website: not just focused on user voice. Exploring platforms.
      WTF Brown used this.
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1. Sen Farquhar: What do you need from us at this point?
   1. Sen Wild: Have you looked at different options to run website?
   2. Chair Philbrick: Looked into many. Right now preferred user voice.
      1. Sen Wild: What did you use to narrow down options?
      2. Chair Philbrick: Costs services provided reputable, set up, etc.
   3. Sen Bayo: The selection process asked for voting options like the WTF Brown has. We checked around 5 platforms, uservoice has gotten back to us and even had phone calls. Not finalized.
   4. Sen Gueittrez: We still have to talk to ITS – still need to figure out funding.
      1. Sen Wild: Is it plausible to get agreement from Loyola by Nov 30th?
      1. Chair Philbrick: It was literally was given to us today.

B. Speaker Kelley: Will not be a possibility, more planning needed. Conversation should be more forward focused.
   1. Chair Philbrick: Weren’t looking for payment by that date, want to move forward
   2. Speaker Kelley: Would have to go through several levels of the University.

Kristen Courage – Update on Food Recovery
Another student interested in started chapter. She’s studying abroad next semester. I’ll be taking over primarily functions while she’s abroad. Meeting Thursday. Not sure how this work, I want to start Ad Hoc Committee.

A. Sen Courage: I move to start Food Recovery Network (FRN) Initiative.

- Motion passes. Committee Established.
- Chair Pazik nominates Sen Courage. She accepts.
- Sen Courage nominate Sen Pazik. She accepts.
- Sen Far nominates Sen Wild. He accepts.
- Chair Pazik nominates Chair Flowers. He accepts.
- Sen Courage nominates Sen Dumbauld. He accepts.
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- Sen Sheu nominates Sen Hanani. She accepts.  
- Chair Flowers nominates Sen Mifsud. He accepts.  
- Chair Flowers nominates AG Brueck. She accepts.

i. Sen Nowak: Why are you interested?  
   1. Sen Hanani: I was involved in RSO involved in this. I know Kristen personally, I want to support her.  
   2. Sen Mifsud: I work with res halls, could be helpful. Kristen’s cool.  
   4. Chair Pazik: Environmental/comm major, studying various food waste. Knowledge I can bring to the table. I’ve worked with Courage since beginning. Working with specific food pantry’s and I have ideas.  
   5. Sen Wild: I know 3 things – I love people, I hate being hungry, and the golden rule. I would like to help others so they aren’t hungry either.  
   6. Sen Dumbauld: I feel the same way, really useful to have that passion behind this and it is well merited.  
   7. Chair Flowers: I am the chair of RCDC, essential in providing communication with Aramark. Funneling communication between our org and theirs.  
   8. AG Brueck: To be honest I do not have background knowledge. I think this could be a good learning experience. Just from conversations with Senator Courage, I want to be part of moving it forward.

B. Chair Gandhi motions to close the meeting 6:10 PM.  
C. Sen Nowak motions to re open the meeting 6:11 PM.

Sen Farquhar: Brought to my attention, we don’t go to our own events. Not a large amount going. Implement a policy, but a general thing that one member of your committee or SGLC members in general are there. There’s a difference in not being able to go, and not showing up. It’s possible to make a little bit of an appearance. Effort is part of a responsibility.

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b. Chair Philbrick: I think that’s a great idea. My sorority does it. Shows support and reaffirms your own wanting to be there – putting your name to something.

a. Sen Farquhar: We could have a minimum each could go to, very high school but if we figure out how many events we hold or sponsor then a quarter of those.

c. Chair Cook: I don’t agree with implementing something like this. I think this is everyone’s responsibility. People say they are going to attend vs people RSVPing or actually making people to go. It should be a general understanding. There should be prerogative to go. We are responsible to go to something that is funded through each committee. We were elected to rep student body, show up that we are educated – let me ask you this how many of you feel comfortable explaining to the JEEP or demonstration policy? I don’t want to point fingers. Other people want to be here where we are. I think we just need to step up a little bit.

- Speaker Kelley: Question of relevance – your election to the position didn’t take into account which committee to be but was to be your voice in the room. LUC’s foundation that embodies social justice – this is everyone’s business. Dining halls, etc. I think what everyone is saying is very important way to look at participating to take initiative to learn more. Even if it was something you don’t think you’re interested, your constituents may be and it’s up to you to stay up to date and inform them.

  i. Sen Shehaiber: Committees are connected. We are here for a reason like Cook said. Last event, no one showed up and if the student body is going to show up we need to. Waste of resources, money from our committee. It wasn’t because poor advertising. Don’t say you’re gonna go then not go.

  ii. Sen Hines: Important to keep in mind, speaking on behalf of student body but representing them in these positions.

    1. Sen Courage: I want to echo what Hannah said, we have built family from the outside. Not from importance of campaigns but also to support each other.
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VII. Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Pres Fasullo: I want to reiterate Cook’s point this upcoming Friday is really huge. 3:30 PM even is huge. When workers go on strike in any industry. Commitment to wanting more individuals on healthcare and bigger raise. Show up and be there. Stand in solidarity.

   A. Sen Shehaiber: We will be tabling and can tell you more.

   B. Sen Courage: tabling – come sign document of support. As many as possible would be great.

- Chair Flowers motion to adjourn the meeting 6:24 PM.