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I. Roll Call
   a. Absent: Sen Bayo, Sen Davlin, Sen Henry

II. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Minutes are approved.

III. Unfinished Business

IV. Reports
   a) Standing Committees
      1. Academic Affairs (Chair Philbrick)
         - Finished legislation which will be read today.
      2. Allocations (Sen Henry)
         - Past weekend, spot 2 hearings all day Saturday. Funded 52% of requests.
      3. Facilities & Transportation (Chair Pazik)
         - Cleaned compost bin in the office.
         - Tabling 5-8 PM, February 29th - Monday
         - Promote student ride share online platform
      4. Justice (Chair Shehaiber)
         - In contact with Advocate President. Chavez and Roberts have spoken with Pelissero. Trying to determine how to make that possible. Invited exec board of CCMA and WILL to committee meeting.
      5. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (Chair Flowers)
         - Tabling today 5-7 PM. Talking about Seminars for students transitioning to off campus housing. Meeting with Deb next week, questions or concerns let Flowers know.
         - A part of committee that is selecting new laundry vendor for university. Wants feedback, unlimited laundry to include in tuition has been talked about.
      6. Safety & Wellness (Chair Gandhi)
         - Working on design things for social media for events. Reached out to Jack. Photo campaign for.
         - March 5th writing legislation for referendum.
   b) Special & Ad Hoc Committees
      1. The Spring Election Board (Chair LaGrone)
         - Share social media posts about Spring Election positions
         - Get flyer on people’s feeds.
         - Election packets available- due March 4th
         - Also have cover photo available for people to put on their pages.
         - Need to get the word out there especially for people who aren’t in SGLC.
      2. The Food Recovery Network Committee (Sen McNelis)
         - Second meeting. Figuring out to assigning tasks.
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3. The Demonstration Policy Review Committee (Chair Flowers)  
   - Email from Pelissero.  
   - Spoke with Jane.

4. The Budget Review Committee (Sen McNelis)  
   - Delegation. Check email to hear about what could be improved for the budget.

5. The Constitutional Review Committee (Sen Mannam)  
   - Coordinate time to meet via a doodle.

c) Judicial Board (Justice Daudi)  
   - Voted on legislation and it was passed.

d) Executive Board  
   - MAP Resolution  
     o Passed Senate & approved by Judicial  
     o Next Moves: Email Phil Hale  
     o How will it impact first year and transfer students?  
   - Elections  
     o Create a plan for elections → Communications Team  
   - Board of Trustees  
     o Will update on SGLC Moving forward  
     o New Projects  
       ▪ MAP  
       ▪ FRN  
       ▪ DEMO POLICY  
   - New Position on Communications Team  
     o Will create an Executive order establishing position. Jack McCusker will serve alongside Communications Team and will chair the Presidential Advisory Committee on Rebranding  
   - Transitions  
     o EXEC will begin working to compile information regarding current position for future EXEC members

e) Advisors (Advisor Howes)
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V. New Business & Discussion  
   a) The Student Feedback Website Initiative Resolution  
      Chair Philbrick reads legislation:

   **The Student Feedback Website Initiative Resolution**

   To gauge the student body’s input on matters at Loyola
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Whereas, the goal of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as SGLC, is to voice the concerns of the student body, to act as an instrument for cooperation and to provide an open forum for students, faculty, and administration, and

Whereas, currently, SGLC is often ineffective when trying to gauge the needs and opinions of the student body, and

Whereas, SGLC does not have a standardized method for collecting student feedback, and

Whereas, Brown University’s student feedback website has been considerably successful in obtaining and responding to student concerns while ensuring Student Government accountability, and

Whereas, without knowing the concerns of the student body, SGLC cannot address those issues,

Be it Resolved, that the Student Government of Loyola Chicago support the implementation and maintenance of a student feedback website.

A. Chair Philbrick: We need to site the mission statement. Citation or a footnote
   a. Sen Linder: Do we know who is making the website?
      i. Chair Philbrick: We have 3 vendor, still looking into it.
   b. Sen Joseph: How does Brown’s website work?
      - Speaker Kelley brings up website.
B. Chair Philbrick: Would have tabs for each committee. Students can put their concerns and they can be voted on and we can respond to that.
   a. Sen Hummel: How will you get the word out about it?
      i. Chair Philbrick: Tabling, posts on our website, and if student development supports it they can help too.
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b. Sen Farquhar: Do you think with the way we are trying to rebrand, the wording by the second clause could be reworded?  
  
**Whereas the current system that SGLC utilizes is not as effective as it could be?**  
  - Amendment passes

c. Sen Pazik: What are the physical steps next for the legislation?
   i. Chair Philbrick: We have proposal that is already written and we want to go to Jane. Hoping she will help fund part of it.
      1. Sen Pazik: How much is it to fund it?
         a. Chair Philbrick: Starter package of $200 a month.
      2. Sen Day: Has a name been discussed?
         a. Chair Philbrick: We’ve discussed it but haven’t pinpointed one yet.
      3. Sen Davlin: What’s the potential timeframe for building the website?
         a. Chair Philbrick: Don’t have funding yet, so timeline isn’t in place.

b) The Magis Scholarship Apparel Campaign  
- Tabled until next week.

c) The TGIF  
  Sundal: Talked to Kimberly. After looking at their budget, student development can give TGIF $15,000 – educational programs and awareness programs. Nothing that would involve facilities, ex solar power table that is happening would not fall under this. Water week is an example. The ESO (me) would get the money and hire 2 people, they would be a team or committee. Would probably have to rebrand. Sustainability – and a PR and finance would be hired. CFO (Kathleen) would be involved. Asking Senate to create ad hoc committee because I want Senate involved. Forming committee within exec and renaming it.
   A. Sen Bayo: What do you mean by hiring?
      a. Sundal: Find 2 students to serve with me.
   B. Sen McNelis: Main goals of committee?
      a. Sundal: To allocate $15,000 for those programs.
   C. Sen Pazik: You want to start an ad hoc that is rewriting what TGIF is?
      a. Sundal: We have advisors form other places but they won’t be affiliated. This won’t be the system anymore.
      - Advisor Moore: One thing you may wonder is why we can’t merge with SAF. They have a number of operating policies and rules that. Sustainability is through promotional items while SAF cannot do the same function. They have different operating rules. The reality of it is the ad hoc is necessary to determine how SGLC is going to plan and manage how this money is utilized on an annual basis.
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D. Sen Hornik: To clarify, before the funding was $50,000 was split from other organizations and now it's $15,000?
   a. Sundal: Used to be $50,000 but $25,000 from facilities and student development but this is different.
   - Sen Pazik: I motion to establish a TGIF ad hoc committee.

   - Sen McNelis nominates Sen Pazik.
   - She accepts.

   - Sen Wenker nominates Sen Bayo.
   - He accepts.

   - Sen Hanani nominates ESO Hashwani.
   - She accepts.

   - Sen Gandhi nominates Kristen Courage.
   - She accepts.

   - Sen McNelis moves to close the floor for nominations.
   - Motion passes.

1. Sen Pazik: Previously sat on committee for this before on SGLC. Very important initiative, reestablishing it would be important. Want to see it through.


3. Kristen Courage: I've been involved, Sundal has put a lot of work and I think it is important to keep students involved in sustainability efforts.

4. Sundal (ESO Hashwani): This has been my baby and I really want to see it through. It has transformed my experience at Loyola, seeing it continue would make me so happy.

   - Sen Farquhar moves to close the meeting at 4:48 PM.
   - Sen Linder moves to re-open the meeting 4:50 PM.

d) Mental Health & Wellness on Campus
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- Tabled to next week.

A. Sen McNelis: Following up to service project with FRN relating to our sanctions?
   a. Speaker Kelley: We have a meeting with OSCCR on Wednesday morning.

B. Sen Bayo: Relay for life team is up and running. I shared it on my Facebook and had Carlyn email it to you all. Really think you all should be involved with this.
   a. Sen Philbrick: Can you be on two teams?
      i. AG Brueck: You can be.

C. Sen Shehaiber: Brought to my attention, that we are hosting Kesha on Friday. Rally to support her and April is SAAM – Justice Committee supports this rally but would be cool if all of SGLC showed up and did a poster making and allowed student body to come to that. Also talked to Sen Gandhi if we could put something together. Want to gage the interest.
   a. Sen Pazik: When is the rally?
      i. Sen Shehaiber: Friday 5-5:45 PM.
   1. Sen Gandhi: There is an event on Facebook.

D. Sen Day: It really is, most serious issue that many organizations face – what’s happening right now on this campus. As a member of Safety and Wellness, I am begging you to help up with this to go forth with this to support safety and wellness but also support the issue that affects many students. Will get people in more positive light in student’s minds if we are able to work on this.
   a. Speaker Kelley: Follow up with Carlyn and myself regarding this.

E. Sen McNelis: General support, do we want to consider giving SGLC as a whole, to endorse this. Maybe we can vote on saying if SGLC endorses this in order to help and promote this event?
   a. Sen Farquhar: Related to that, while I support this wholeheartedly, putting ourselves behind another demonstration may be too soon. While making sure senators and part of exec are there and making it known that we support this but
   - Sen Pazik defer to Sundal.
   b. Sundal: I respectively agree that, I think there is a difference with organizing and spearheading a protest. We do speak for the student body and I think this is a big issue.
   - Sen Gandhi defer to Advisor Moore.
   c. Advisor Moore: Here’s the deal, this morning I met with the organizers. This is all happening in good faith – nobody will be getting in trouble. Everything that happened last semester led to rethinking what demonstrations mean. Set the record straight there is not cloud looming or negative effects. Organizers have reached out to work on this and have spoken with dean of students. There has been individual that is affected by sexual assault, our actions have an impact on an individual so if you do support something like this, as well intended as it may be, it may not be what
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the individual wants. Layers to this want to make sure you have all the information. Rally is happening.

F. Sen Shehaiber: My original ask is we just get together and provide a place for students to make posters.
   - Sen Sheu defer to Justice Daudi

G. Justice Daudi: As well as a space, since there is no organization – so if there are committees that want to buy posters for students to make it. Or if you feel comfortable create press release, but making an fb event etc. You won’t get in trouble for that action. Going off of Sen Day, this is a really big issue I understand why people have hesitation, this is one of the first concerts she’s doing following the decision so staying silence speaks volumes in a negative way.

H. Sen Day: Want to keep in mind what Kesha wants, but also it’s hard to be silent. I think there is a nice middle ground. Make the decision for yourself. I encourage you to support it and allow students to decide whether they want to participate. Since there is no organization sponsoring it, I think a lot of people in this room could be able to help watch up on what’s going on because it is very sensitive. While there is no fear of repercussion from the University, there is a repercussion for people’s feelings.

I. Sen Shehaiber: So if justice or S&W, do we take from our own funds or from exec?
   a. Speaker Kelley: President’s decision.

J. Sen Gandhi: In contact with DOP, could ask if they want to fund?
   a. Justice Daudi: They are already helping us make pins.

K. Sen Mitchell: IS DOP already doing rally? I was informed that other people are doing a rally is it the same thing?
   a. Sen Gutierrez: Would the posters be brought or set somewhere because they can’t be brought in?

L. Sen Shehaiber: Rally before concert, posters aren’t allowed inside. DOP is aware I’s happening and have reached out to management, and Kesha is entering from a different area so it doesn’t trigger anything.
   a. Sen Day: My understanding is DOP is doing what our intention is which is endorsing, promoting and advertising.
      i. Sen Mitchell: Just worried about Kesha, because this is fresh. Very sensitive. Don’t want to trigger anything. May be good intentions but still have to keep her in mind.

M. Sen Shehaiber: Posters are not allowed in. Do not want to trigger anything. Resources will be there in case students are triggered as well.
   a. Sen Day: I encourage everyone to make the decision, risk the chance of triggering someone or risk being silent. While we are being very cognizant, could induce a trigger. Public and has been under enough discussion. Must remember why this is happening. New demo policy not being in affect. It has my vote.

N. Sen Philbrick: Can I motion to put out a statement of support for this rally?
O. Speaker Kelley: President is able to speak on behalf. I encourage not necessarily a motion to support, but rather another action to show support.
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P. Sen McNelis: In light of emotional weight, I think it may be the best to take this at an individual level rather than as an organization. Given the weight of it, it’s best to do it on our individual own.

a. Sen Day: Remember the poster making activity is to be planned, so that would a small promotion which shows our support and course of action that could be spoken by President.

- Sen McNelis defer to Kristen Courage

Q. Sen Courage: I want to echo Sen Day, 1 in 4 will be sexually assaulted. Whether or not you know someone who has been affected by this and this should be discussed and supported. Spread awareness, while not putting the whole organization but important individuals support this.

- Speaker Kelley: Recess for 5 minutes.

a. Sen Philbrick: I motion to prompt Pres Chavez to put out a student on behalf of student body to stand in solidarity with Kesha and opposes sexual assault.

i. Speaker Kelley: If after this passes, plan to open floor to discussion. Members that want specific things to be said then Secretary LaGrone will pass that along to Mariana and will be sent back out.

- Motion passes.

- Speaker Kelley asks for suggestions for statement:

1. Sen Philbrick: Statistics brought up by Kristen Courage would be good to add.
2. Sen Mitchell: Question, can we bring up something that happened on this campus?
3. Sen Gut: Is this a statement meant for Kesha to read and see we support her or student body to see we support the rally?
   a. Speaker Kelley: It will be publically accessible.
4. Sundal: Resources at the end, wellness center for example.
5. Sen Day: Intention is to more broadly show we support the rally against sexual assault. Using language in whole supports anti sexual assault campaigns and tying it into concert and Kesha.

- Sen Gandhi defer to Kristen Courage.

6. Kristen Courage: Just want to make you all aware of the “It’s on us Campaign.” Website has a pledge that asks students, faculty, etc that it’s our responsibility to speak up. Maybe find a way to tie it in with this to say if you want to sign the pledge.

7. AG Brueck: Using language that is responsive to the needs of the community as large, supporting it’s on us, and standing with members of community emphasizing entire student body
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8. Sen Day: Back that up, to steal form group of people, discussing how other demonstrations may have been more in protest, this is very much in solidarity of Kesha. In conjunction with the movement for anti-stigma etc. etc., campaign against sexual assault. This is a bringing the community together type of thing, whereas the community was brought together during others but in literal protest, making sure language is inclusive of whole community. I know everyone knows this not only do we want to support Kesha, we have no idea who is affected by this on our campus. We have no idea who it is – there is statistics but there are a lot that go unreported. Try to think about the students you represent and what they would want.

R. Speaker Kelley: This is a very heavy topic of conversation and there is a lot of people in the room and this a formal setting. I want to acknowledge for a lot of people this is a difficult conversation to undertake. Moving forward I would just say it is a good thing, in sync with Jesuit values and values student body live by to take this course of action. I know Shehaiber wants us to fund some posters, I would encourage everyone here to involve yourself in the context as you see fit on a personal level. Student govt in its official capacity has delegated to our president to support Kesha, actions that are reprehensible. I want everyone to determine their personal level of involvement and your level of comfortableness with this.

S. Sen Day: Our community is committed to fostering a safe, productive environment. Title IX and our university policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which regards sexual misconduct — including harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Sexual violence can undermine students’ personal and academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. Confidential support and academic advocacy can be found with the "Insert appropriate resources. Just so everyone here knows, when something is reported to a faculty member or any employee of the University. It must be reported to the title 9 director and is no longer confidential. The only confidential resources are if you talk to a therapist, or clergy. Everyone else has to legally report it. Important to note if it comes up in discussion. Those are set to protect people, it’s a person’s personal decision.

Sen Shehaiber: Thank Sen Day for being so articulate and passionate. Along with prompt, if we could ask her if we can have a small amount of funds allocated for this project. If she says yes, can go ahead with this. Can put this in the statement. Figuring we could do Thursday 5-8 in our office. Can set up table in efficient way. Really want to see a lot of senators there.

9. Day: One more back me, do you think it would be important to have professional on staff to be there at our poster making? Part of why we are doing this, showing support, also could have professionals who dedicate their life to this, and that is important. Reach out to professional, such as wellness center.

T. Sen Andersen: Signature need to be handwritten for Election Packet?
   i. Sec LaGrone: Yes.
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U. Sen Day: Volunteer coordinator, first round of reaching out is going to need emails. Would awesome to have you all on the list. Please email me to get involved.

A. Sen Pazik: Biodiesel tours. Please sign up. Times are on Friday and Wednesday, 1-5. If you are available sign up. If you want it after spring break, let me know.  
   a. Sen Linder: where do you sign up?  
      i. Sen Pazik: Facebook group.
   - Speaker Kelley: Next week’s meeting is in Kasbeer, 16th floor, if for whatever reason you cannot be on time. Let me know by Sunday at 4. Internal election to fill final 4 seats.

   - Sen Pazik: Zero waste game tomorrow, if you signed up to volunteer – please go.

VI. Announcements & Upcoming Events

   - Sen Farquhar motion to adjourn meeting.
   - Meeting closed at 5:45 PM.